

Editor's Comment:

The authors have not comprehensively responded to the reviewers' comments. Based on my observations, reviewer comments, and the reviewer manuscript with track changes, I have noted the following:

1. Authors have not fully responded to the reviewer's comments in the track changes manuscript. The reviewer suggested statements that need to be cited within the text. This has not been done. If the authors were not provided with this copy, I suggest that it be provided and the authors to respond accordingly. For example, the statement about agronomic practices leading to environmental degradation and increasing economic costs of agriculture can be cited by (Manono et al. 2019). The reviewers have also suggested other beneficial references that authors can tap from to fill the citation gaps in the text.
2. The revised manuscript has five references while the original has eight. The authors should improve on this. Further, four of these references are not cited within the text thus, CARE India (1997); Kaur (2013); Lal (2011), and Maurya (2017) are not referenced within the text. Please revise accordingly.
3. The study objective is not clear; the authors have a chance to improve this.
4. The conclusion is too long. The discussion within the conclusion should be moved to the discussion. This will provide an opportunity for the authors to provide more references for their study by comparing their results with other published data.
5. The reviewer's suggestions in the manuscript with track changes are good suggestions that need to be responded to enhance the manuscript's quality.
6. In the methodology, authors indicate that Uttar Pradesh has 75 Districts, and yet the title indicates a single district. This should be rectified.
7. The authors should also work on the English by checking grammatical and typographical errors.

Suggested reference

Manono, B. O., Moller, H., Bengue, J., Carey, P., Lucock, D., & Manhire, J. (2019). Assessment of soil properties and earthworms in organic and conventional farming systems after seven years of dairy farm conversions in New Zealand. *Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems*, 43(6), 678-704.

My comment

1. The authors should revise the manuscript to respond to the above comments.

Decision:

Authors should revise the manuscript and respond to these comments. Once this is done, the editor can oversee the corrections and if satisfied, the paper can be published. Otherwise, I will be able to check that this has been worked on within a very short notice.

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