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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Environment & Ecology
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Title of the Manuscript:	Analysis of Groundwater Quality Using Physicochemical Parameters in Kahalgaon Town, Bhagalpur District, Bihar.
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	<p>The manuscript addresses a critical issue of groundwater quality in Kahalgaon Town, Bihar, which is of significant importance to the scientific community, especially in the context of environmental health and water resource management. The study provides valuable insights into the physicochemical parameters of groundwater, which are essential for understanding the extent of contamination and its impact on public health. The findings can help policymakers and local authorities implement effective measures to improve water quality and reduce waterborne diseases. However, the manuscript needs to be strengthened with more recent references and a clearer presentation of results to enhance its scientific rigor and relevance.</p> <p>Authors should highlight the broader implications of their findings for groundwater management and public health in the introduction and conclusion sections. They should also emphasize how their study contributes to the existing body of knowledge on groundwater quality in developing regions.</p>	Thanks for the comments
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title is generally suitable but could be more concise and specific. Consider revising it to: "Analysis of Groundwater Quality Using Physicochemical Parameters in Kahalgaon Town, Bhagalpur District, Bihar, India."	Thanks for the comments

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<p><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b></p>	<p><b>The abstract is not comprehensive and lacks key details about the methodology and specific findings. It should be revised to include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A brief description of the methods used.</li><li>- Key results, including the most critical physicochemical parameters that exceeded permissible limits.</li><li>- The implications of the findings for public health and water management.</li><li>- A statement on the proposed solution (Black Plum wood) and its potential effectiveness.</li></ul> <p><b>Authors should revise the abstract to include the above-mentioned points. The abstract should be concise yet informative, providing a clear overview of the study.</b></p>	<p>Thanks for the comments</p>
<p><b>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</b></p>	<p>The manuscript is scientifically sound in terms of the methodology and analysis of physicochemical parameters. However, there are some areas that need improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The discussion of results should be more detailed, linking the findings to existing literature.</li><li>- The proposed solution (Black Plum wood) needs more scientific evidence to support its effectiveness in water purification.</li></ul> <p>Authors should provide more scientific references to support the use of Black Plum wood for water purification. They should also discuss the limitations of their study and suggest areas for future research.</p>	<p>Noted and revised</p>
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	Reviewer’s comment	Author’s comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
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