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Type of the Article	Taxonomy

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Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title could be improved if the forest type is included: e.g. One new species of.....from Oak forest from India	For the title of the manuscript, we would like to consider the suggestions from reviewer Man (Reviewer 1). Therefore, would prefer to keep our title unchanged.

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Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	Is correct	Considered the reviewer's comment.
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	Yes	Considered the reviewer's comment.
Optional/General comments	This investigation further increases the knowledge of Indian mushrooms species, and it could be published as it fulfills the technically requirements and is novel.	Considered the reviewer's comment.

PART 2:

	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)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)	No ethical issues related.