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Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?		
Optional/General comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Relevance of Topic: The research addresses a critical area of study, particularly in the Terai region, where land-use patterns significantly influence soil quality and microbial diversity. The study highlights a specific geographical area, providing insights that are valuable for local agricultural and environmental management.The methodology should clearly describe the criteria used for selecting the study sites and how they represent different land-use types. Provide more details on the soil sampling procedure, such as the number of samples per site, sampling depth and spatial distribution and how seasonal variations were accounted for, if any, as they can significantly influence soil microbial dynamics could also be included. Mention the statistical tests applied to determine the significance of differences between land-use types and their appropriateness for the dataset.The results are well-documented and provide valuable insights into the relationship between land use and soil quality parameters. Tables and figures are effectively used to present key findings, aiding in data interpretation. The Discussion appropriately links results to land-use practices and their implications on soil microbial dynamics.The conclusion emphasized the major outcomes of the study, linking land-use practices with soil quality and microbial dynamics. It provides a concise overview, reinforcing the importance of sustainable land management in the Terai region. The conclusion should include more details so that it aligns well with the research objectives and emphasizes the study's contributions to the field.Replace outdated references with more contemporary studies where applicable. Include more recent studies published within 5-10years. It should verify that all cited references are included in the reference list and vice versa.The language of the manuscript is scientifically sound. The paper maintains a professional and scientific tone, appropriate for an academic writing.Conduct a thorough proofreading or use grammar-checking tools to identify and correct minor errors. <p>With some minor corrections, I recommend this manuscript for publication.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Response: Thank you for the question. We mentioned the number of samples per land use already. Now, we have clarified the number of sub-samples per site, season of sampling and sampling depth also. The different land uses were identified using Google Earth Pro and standard ground survey methods.Thank you for the comment.Thank you for this comment. We have gone through the conclusion several times following your suggestion. However, we wish to keep it in present format as it clarifies the notable outcome of this study and concludes in a precise way following the objectives of the present study.All the old references were given in the method section as those were the original methodology papers, followed in this field of research till date. However, following your suggestion, we have added recent references also with them.Thank you for the comment.We have done thorough proofreading and grammar check following your suggestion.

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