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| Journal Name: | [**Asian Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition**](https://journalajsspn.com/index.php/AJSSPN) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_AJSSPN\_131976** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Assessment of different varieties of China Aster in Wayanad Conditions** |
| Type of the Article | **Original Research Article** |

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| PART 1: Comments | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | Author’s Feedback *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **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.** | This study is important for the scientific community because it provides useful information about growing China aster in Wayanad. Many farmers are not aware of how to cultivate this flower or its market demand. The findings of this research can help farmers choose the best variety for better yield and early flowering. It also gives valuable insights to scientists, agricultural officers, and policymakers to improve flower farming and make it more profitable. | Noted and included |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The title of the article is fine but can be modified as follows: "Comparative Evaluation of China Aster Varieties in the Wayanad District of Kerala." | Modified as per suggestion |
| 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. | The abstract is good but could be improved by clarifying the significance of China aster, briefly detailing the experimental design, emphasizing practical implications, and removing redundant wording. | Noted and modified |
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| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | Yes it is fine | Thanks |
| Optional/General comments | The methodology section needs to be rewritten for clarity and detail—clearly outlining the experimental design, materials, methods, and statistical analyses used i.e BC ratio. Additionally, the results and discussion section can be enhanced by elaborating on the findings and including more cross-references to related literature. | Modified |

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| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* | Nil |