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PART 1: Review Comments

	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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	The authors have put considerable effort in constructing the manuscript. However there are several scopes for improving the manuscript. 1) The manuscript needs to be more sound and compact. After which the manuscript can be accepted. Several words are missing. 2) The authors are very reluctant give credits to early reporters, which is not ethical. 3) Authors have repeatedly used "during both the years and in pooled data" in Result and Discussion section, which should be avoided. 4) The study investigates the influence of integrated nutrient management on crop nutrient uptake. There are hundreds of reports available to the author. But I didn't find any mention of integrated nutrient management in the Introduction section. 5) The study lacks suitable hypothesis and objective to carry out the investigation.	
Minor REVISION comments	Following are few specific comments.	
	Line 11: "plot 101 'D' 101 plot"	
	This is no clear to me.	
	Line 29-31: Recently, input-responsive varieties	
	Please provide reference.	
	Line 36: Intercropping of cottonunder rainfed condition	
	Reference!	
	Line 41:	
	Authors have mentioned in introduction section about increasing costs and limited availability of chemical fertilizer. But they have completely forgotten to mention the negative impact of chemical fertilizer on soil and environment, which is more practiced discussed now a days.	
	Line 42- 45: The ability to takeenvironmental pollution.	
	The statement remains unclear. Please reconstruct the same.	
	Line 45-49:	
	Provide reference with text.	
	Line 52: plot 101 'D' block	
	Experimental site differs from as stated in Abstract.	
	Line 66: 99.7.2015 ??	
	Please be careful with dates and follow standard format of XX.XX/XXXX, e.g. 12.06.2016.	

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Line 69: RDF was appliedaccording to population	
How was the amount calculated? Can you be more elaborative?	
Also, you are using the word RDF first time in the manuscript, so use the full form.	
Line 75:	
Which software was sued for statistical analysis?	
Line 86: INM	
The word is used first time here. Use the short form in brackets along with full form.	
Line 94-95: The organic and green manures produce proper mineralization of nutrients	
Mineralization is a microbial process. How can organic and green manures produce mineralization of nutrients? However they can facilitate the microbial process. Rectify your statement.	
Line 106: Proper mineralization of nutrients by manures?	
Rectify your statement.	
Line 177- 179: Use of organic help in enriching soil.	
The statement is not clear.	
Line 182: Conclusion	
It seems authors were in hurry for concluding. They have recommended a particular dose for fertilizer (125: 62.5: 62.5 kg/ha N, P2O5 and K2O) to the farmers, at the same time you have to mention on basis of what you are concluding in the Conclusion section. Also, they forgot to mention why not to adopt the other dose (100: 50: 50 kg/ha N, P2O5 and K2O). Each section has to be self explanatory.	
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