



**SDI Review Form 1.6**

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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">Asian Journal of Environment &amp; Ecology</a>                       |
| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_AJEE_41431                                                                    |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Comparative evaluation of microbial diversity of epipellic and benthic sediments |
| Type of the Article      |                                                                                  |

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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) |
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| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | There are no compulsory revisions                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments      | The title can be revised to include "by cultural and metagenomics techniques" to make it more reflective of the study. | Treated                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Optional/General</b> comments    | There are a number of grammatical errors which should be corrected to make the article reader friendly                 | Treated                                                                                                                                                                       |