

**Table S1:** Physiochemical properties of soil.

Properties	Values
Sand	42.06
Silt	51.13
Clay	6.82
Organic matter (%age)	0.67
Total Nitrogen (%age)	0.073
Available P (mg Kg <sup>-1</sup> )	5.43
Available K (mg Kg <sup>-1</sup> )	121.9
pH	7.9