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| **MANAGING SOLID WASTE IN SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT THROUGH COMPOSTING APPROACH** | |
| **Comments** | **Response** |
| I consider that the paper is generally not well written and does not include some interesting information. You do not however, describe any innovative pedagogical practice or make a theoretical contribution. This can still be acceptable if a paper provides some novel insights that contribute to teaching practice. Unfortunately, i did not find original insights here. | We have provided innovative pedagogical practice based on a given underpinning theoretical framework. This can be used to enhance teaching practice in schools. |
| I felt that the abstract does not provide a concise overview of the topic and does not inform the reader of what to expect in the article. I also think that you should consider how the introduction the originality-importance of the research can demonstrate the importance of the problem for an international readership. | This has been worked on. |
| I also consider how you can present the research questions/hypotheses need to be presented in a clear and consistent way. | Research questions have been presented |
| I should ensure that an explicit theoretical framework is clearly explained  in relation to the manuscript scope. | This has been addressed |
| I felt that the literature review needs to be systematic, critical and structured to reveal the key dimensions in the field of the present study. | Done |
| I consider that the research methodology needs to be clear, appropriate and justified. To this end, they suggest that a better sampling technique or instrument/procedure for collecting data should be presented.  I should consider a different – better- organization and presentation from the structure, methodology and research perspectives. | Research methodology has been presented clearly |
| You need to make sure that the research findings are clearly presented. You should also ensure that the data analysis is both critical and interpretive. | This has been addressed |
| I think that you should review the discussion to make it more concise and ensure that the outcomes are discussed in relation to the existing research. | This has been addressed |
| Should consider including more recent bibliographic references and ensure that all references are pertinent to this work. | Done |
| I am concerned about the level of use of existing material within the paper. You need to ensure that all the material is original, and any quotations are carefully marked as such. | This has been addressed |
| You need to ensure that citations are clearly given in a consistent manner. | Done |
| Please carefully proof-read spell check to eliminate grammatical errors. | This has been addressed |
| Similarity check with iThenticate revealed a similarity index of 27%, which is considered NOT appropriate. | This has been addressed |
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