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Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	Yes	The manuscript is useful in two aspects, i. e., intercropping grain legumes in existing long duration crops will enhance food and nutritional security and identifying proper nutrient management package for K efficient cassava variety under intercropping situation will reduce the unbalanced use of fertilizers.
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Yes	
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Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The scientific robustness of this manuscript is evident from its structured experimental design, which includes randomized block design (RBD) with replications to assess the impact of nutrient management on cassava-legume intercropping. The study utilizes a potassium-efficient cassava variety, Sree Pavithra, and incorporates biofertilizers (PGPR Mix 1) to examine their effects on nutrient uptake, which strengthens the validity of the nutrient management approach. By quantifying yields, growth, and Land Equivalent Ratio (LER), the manuscript offers clear metrics for evaluating intercropping benefits. The detailed focus on nutrient levels of N, P, and K, especially potassium's role, aligns well with the crop's nutrient needs and ensures that the findings can contribute to practical improvements in cassava-legume intercropping systems.	Thankful to the reviewer for the positive feedback on our manuscript. We appreciate your recognition on the robustness of our methodology.
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