

## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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**Title: DEVELOPING LOWLANDS IN THE REGION OF BASSEHOUE AND ZADIAHO (CENTRAL-WEST OF THE CÔTE D'IVOIRE)**

### Recommendation:

Accept as it is .....

Accept after minor revision.....

**Accept after major revision** .....

Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		X		
Techn. Quality			X	
Clarity			X	
Significance			X	

Reviewer Name: Dr Lakhdar Guerine

Date:

## Detailed Reviewer's Report

The study analyzes the development of lowlands in the localities of Zadiaho and Bassehoua (Côte d'Ivoire) through surveys, observations, and interviews. It highlights the agricultural and socio-economic importance of lowlands, dominated by a young and mostly male population. The findings emphasize the crucial role of natural resources, but also financial, technical, and organizational constraints. The authors describe adaptation strategies such as adjusting the agricultural calendar, using improved seeds, and creating associations. This work contributes to understanding rural dynamics and identifying levers to improve agricultural productivity.

### Strengths

- Rich empirical dataset based on 150 farmer interviews and complementary field observations.
- Relevant and timely focus on food security, rural livelihoods, and agricultural sustainability.
- Identification of both constraints and concrete adaptation strategies strengthens the applied value.

### Weaknesses

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- 1) English language quality requires substantial revision for clarity and readability.
- 2) Discussion is mostly descriptive, with limited engagement in comparative or theoretical debates.
- 3) Structure and length need adjustment to align with IJAR standards (e.g., condensing some sections).

### Recommendation:

The manuscript is **publishable after major revisions**, especially in terms of language editing, tightening of structure, and enhancing the analytical depth of the discussion.