

## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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**Title: Developing Lowlands in the Region of Bassehoua and Zadiaho (Central-West of 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		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity			✓	
Significance			✓	

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### Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

*(To be published with the manuscript in the journal)*

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### 1. General Comments:

The manuscript addresses an important and locally relevant topic on the development and use of lowlands for agriculture in Côte d'Ivoire. It combines documentary research, field surveys, and direct observations to analyze socio-demographic factors, farming practices, constraints, and coping strategies. The study is valuable for regional agricultural development and policy implications. However, the manuscript requires significant improvements in clarity, structure, and English language quality to make it more accessible to an international audience.

### 2. Content and Originality:

- The research theme is original and regionally significant, focusing on lowlands as a potential solution to food security challenges.
- The survey of 150 farmers and inclusion of socio-demographic, agronomic, and economic data is useful.
- However, parts of the manuscript repeat known information without offering strong analytical depth. More critical comparison with existing literature would strengthen the originality.

### 3. Technical Quality:

- The methodology is adequately explained, but details such as sampling procedures, statistical validation, and data analysis methods require more precision.

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- Figures and tables are numerous, but many are simple percentages that could be consolidated. Some captions are unclear.
- There is no strong quantitative analysis beyond descriptive statistics. Including inferential analysis or modeling could improve technical rigor.

### 4. Language and Presentation:

- The manuscript suffers from numerous grammatical, spelling, and formatting issues (e.g., missing spaces: "lowlandsare," "populationclear").
- Some sentences are long and difficult to follow. Editing for concise academic English is strongly recommended.
- Presentation of results (figures, percentages) is repetitive in places and could be streamlined.

### 5. Structure and Organization:

- The manuscript follows a conventional format (Abstract, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion).
- However, the abstract is too descriptive and lacks clear presentation of key findings and implications.
- The discussion section needs to be more analytical, connecting results with existing literature and highlighting policy recommendations.
- References are inconsistently formatted and sometimes incomplete.

### 6. References and Citations:

- References include some key regional and international sources but many are outdated.
- Citation style is inconsistent, with errors in author names, years, and formatting (e.g., "FAO, 2010, p.2").
- More recent and relevant studies should be incorporated.

### 7. Overall Recommendation:

#### Minor Revision

The manuscript has potential but requires revision in English language, structure, and technical quality before being suitable for publication. Strengthening the discussion, refining figures/tables, and improving reference formatting will enhance its overall impact.

*Detailed Reviewer's Report*