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PART 1:

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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
1. A suggestion to the author/s to change the title to "Adoption of improved maize farming technologies by women farmers in Zambia". 2. Using ox plough doesn't need an adoption...it has been used for centuries. 3. The abstract is too long. Most abstracts should not exceed 200 words. No specified words in the abstract should be written (Aims, Study design, Place, Methodology, Results ...). The abstract should explain all these without putting as titles. Examples: Aims: The aims of this study were to identify key factors that affect women household heads' awareness and knowledge of existing improved farming Study design: The study was a survey in which semi structured questionnaires were used to interview women household heads. 4. There is no such (ox technology) I would suggest using <u>practices</u> instead of technologies. 5. Line 37 in the revised copy: ministry of agriculture should be Ministry Of Agriculture. 6. Line 63: which include access to extension services, gender disparities with their male peers and ability to associate with a social club like a farmer's group or association for collective action... Should be: which include access to extension services, gender disparities with their male peers and inability to associate with a social club like a farmer's group or association for collective action... 7. Line 71: in promoting new or better technologies on the farm like buying oxen, ploughs, improved seeds and fertilizers. Again.... Buying an ox is not buying technologies. 8. The title of table 2: Characteristics of farmer women household heads and technology adoption. 9. There are no variables about technology adoption in the table...I suggest removing technology adoption from the title. 10. The same applies for Table 3. I suggest removing technology adoption from the title. 11. The List of references must be made according to the APA style of publishing. No	- Title changed as suggested. - Ox ploughs true have been used for long in some areas, but when a technology is newly introduced in a farming system, farmers have to accept it, adopt it , use it and sustain it. In the context of this paper, this is a newly introduced technology in the study area (see table3 for clarity). Hence low adoption levels are a problem worth research to find out why. - Abstract restructured as advised - Ox ploughs like hand tractors or disc ploughs on motorised tractors, improved seed, fertilizers e.tc. are technologies. The definition of a technology here is in the agricultural context. We request that we maintain the word "technology". - Line 37 corrected. - Line 63 corrected - Table 2 title adjusted. - Table 3: adoption variables added for clarity on the question of ox plough adoption. Numbers in text are according to the instructions given. SEE THIS EXTRACT FROM THE



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