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Compulsory REVISION comments	Topic Check the attached manuscript for comment (Ms_AJAEES_26010.doc) Abstract Check the attached manuscript for comment (Ms_AJAEES_26010.doc) Introduction The introduction has to be written again. The author is merely discussing two big themes – income and livelihood diversification. This is a fast and inappropriate way to write an academic paper. The author should rather use the knowledge and evidence gain from the article to critically write an introduction. Both themes should be discussed logically. There has to be a major message, which should be how livelihood and income diversification can improve household welfare. Literature review Apart from the introduction, the author has not included any relevant sections of literature that will be needed by this paper. Such a section is completely missing. This should be included. The following comment will guide the author: The literature has to be up to date. The latest I have seen is 2009 and 2012. Things have changed from then and better arguments have emerged on livelihood and income diversification. The author has to find such articles and update the manuscript. • The author has to critically review and include literature	



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	on the diversification index sued in this paper. Discussion should also include the strength and weakness of the index. Also possible limitations. • Table 1: Nowhere in this article has the author carried out a literature review about livelihood activities. The author has to explain and justify how this was selected. The must be thorough literature review to back up this activities. • Table 4 – Diversification strategy: Author should discuss these strategies in the literature review section supporting it with scientific articles. Methodology • Check the attached manuscript for comment (Ms_AJAEES_26010.doc) • From line 117 to 137, this description is written mainly for readers who are from Nigeria or people who have idea about Nigeria geographically. To increase readability of your article always consider the international population at large. Someone in china might what to read this paper, will he or she understand what you have written. Also your description of the study area has little or no relevance to the context of the research. You have to include the following so as to reflect your research and give the reader a thorough understanding about the study area: farming activities carried out in the area, the poverty level in the state base on urban or rural population and social context – such as income inequality in the state. • Sampling size and technique: how did you get the total sample size for households in each community? Where there rural or urban households or both? Why did you use Yamane's (1967) formula? Of what use is the formular to the research? How did you overcome the challenges at the household level during sampling? Is your sample	
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	representative enough? Justify all this questions in this section. • Table 1: Explain how you calculated “participation”, “income share” and ranking – what guided you in your ranking? What is your source? • Table 2: How did you calculate total income share? Include all this explanation in your discussion. Conclusion • The paper has not shown the distribution of the effect of diversification against various socio-economic groups in households. For example, households with single parent, educated versus “low” education households, households in each community, etc. • The recommendation is ambiguous as this research does not have enough evidence or proof to confidently advice households to diversify into activities like transportation business. There are other factors that must be consider. Look into this and give appropriate recommendation base on your findings. One will expect to see how diversification strategy helps different households in each community (that was sample) to improve the life or live above the poverty level. But such important analysis is missing. Plagiarism approximately 30% in 2 Sources (About 25.7% from www.readbag.com and 3.95% from www.ageconsearch.umn.edu) Visit this link for proof: https://www.thepensters.com/free-plagiarism-checker-report.html?id=edd814c0dd91ca6e252c5ea7d3d339bc_1460723089:8525394	
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