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Type of the Article	

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	The manuscript provides important data on biological (soil quality, weeds, birds) and socio-economical constraints affecting rice production in three rice-producing regions in Cameroon. The data are adequately presented and interpreted in the manuscript and provide important information on the current state of constraints limiting rice agricultural production in Cameroon. I can therefore recommend the manuscript for publication. I have only a few minor formal comments (see below).	We deeply appreciate the comments of the reviewer, which will go a long way to improve the quality of the paper.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Formal comments: Abstract, line 20: Insert a noun in the sentence "...but the most innovative thing (or matter) was the use..." Line 22: Insert a verb in the sentence "...trials have to eb conducted.." or "trials should be conducted..." Line 23: Insert a comma before the words "particularly with respect to variety use,..." Line 24: Use rather a verb "facilitate" than "ease", i.e., "This will undoubtedly facilitate adoption of..." Introduction, line 29: Correct the rice scientific name "Oryza sativa" (not "sativum") Line 35: Insert "a" before the words "huge deficit ", i.e., "a huge deficit in rice production..."	The reviewer is very right, we appreciate all the comments. We have accommodated all the comments in the revised version of the MS. Permit us once more to express our deep gratitude for the very useful comments that have added more value to the MS.



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	Line 38: Correct the sentence as follows: "...necessary for an increase in rice production..." Line 43: Insert "to" before the words "reduce rural poverty", i.e., "to reduce rural poverty..." Line 57: Modify the sentence as follows: "...and no requirements on additional investment on irrigation." Line 59: Insert a comma before and after the words "notably NERICA 3 and NERICA 8,..." Line 63: Insert "an" before the words "average farm productivity", i.e., "an average farm productivity remains very low,..." Line 79: Insert a comma before the word "namely" Line 97: Insert a comma before and after the words "particularly cattle rearing" Line 126: Insert a comma before the word "namely" Line 133: Insert "a" before the words "decreasing order of importance", i.e., "a decreasing order of importance" Line 138: Insert a comma before the word "particularly" Line 140: Add the reference "SPSS, 2008" to the reference list Line 187: Replace the word "least" by "lowest", i.e., "the lowest effect" Line 191: Replace "centre part" by "the central part of Cameroon" Lines 197 and 213: Insert a comma before the word "particularly" Reference list - add the reference "SPSS, 2008" to the reference list	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		