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PART 1:

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New Title:	YAM (<i>Dioscorea spp.</i>) FARMERS' COPING STRATEGIES AGAINST YAM BEETLE (<i>Heteroligus spp.</i>) IN DELTA STATE, NIGERIA: IMPLICATION FOR FOOD SECURITY
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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
The author (s) still failed to justify the use of OLS in the analysis of the determinants of coping strategies. - We still do not know how the dependent variable was captured. - Author (s) argues that it was not dichotomous nor categorical; so how was it captured or measured? - Was it just one coping strategy or all of the coping strategies mentioned? - OLS can only be used for continuous variable of numerical value and not dichotomous or ranked dependent variables (as in 1, 2, 3...). If these are not clarified, the analysis is flawed.	Thank you sir. Coping strategy was the dependent variable and the selected socioeconomic variables were the independent variables. Thank you sir. I explained that coping strategy was not categorized neither was it categorized. It was treated as one that is just coping strategy. Some farmers used all the coping strategy options while others use a combination of options, so to categorize would be difficult. Moreover, since all farmers surveyed use one form of coping means or the other, we cannot dichotomize; instead we talked about the intensity of coping strategy. (See similar work by Zhou et al., 2010). Sir, in carrying out the regression, it was assumed that Coping strategy is just one. We now looked into those variables that are likely to influence Coping strategy