SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	American Journal of Experimental Agriculture
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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	**Authors' response to final evaluator's comments**
(i) The question of the method used in selecting farmers in the methodology has not been properly responded to. **After your purposive selection of the LGA (which is right), how did you sample the 60 rice producer who were well experienced**? (ii) The author's responses were not satisfactory as regards mean. Is not in all cases that some statistical tools could be applied to all variables. The use of mean for this variable– sex was scientifically and statistically incorrect. The 0 and 1 assigned to sex is just a number to enable you analysis your data. It does not mean that 1 is greater than 0 as applied to sex. If it was age, height, household size etc, the higher value like 1 means a lot. **YOU CAN NOT GET THE AVERAGE OF SEX or MARITAL STATUS.** You are either male or female. **Suggestion:** Just use percentage to describe your findings as regards sex and level of education (except if you mean year spend in school, as in case of level of education), and use mean for the remaining ones. Also, when you get the mean size of household to be 5.600, it would have been better for you to approximate it to 6 persons in your discussion not still allowing it as 5.600, because you cannot divide human being. **Suggestion:** Approximate the mean value of household size to 6 persons. Based on these, the author will now agree with me that, the **author not the reviewer** is not conversant with the use of mean statistic **as stated in author's response to the reviewer.**	**(1) The method of selecting the 60 rice producers has been clearly stated in the work.** **(2) The issue of sex has been described using percentage instead of mean.** **(3) The mean household size is also approximated to 6.**