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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
How one reaches at such a precise value for the impact level from just the interviews of experts is not clear. At least there should be one example to show how the values are determined for a specific parameter is needed. What we have in the article is just the generic equation. I will leave the standard of English to the discretion of AJEA editors.	On the basis of reviewing the EIA guidelines and the environmental policy and law of Ethiopia for the horticultural project, the specific parameters were decided. The scale 0-1 having 10 points was applied logically based on review of the previous studies, comparative and relative importance of each parameter to assign weight for every environmental attribute. Related experts were interviewed to provide weight for different attributes at 10 point scale the given scale 0-1 on the basis their logically, relatively and professionally opinions. However, no lab work was conducted due to geographical nature of study such like in life sciences and chemicals sciences departments.