

**Review Form 3**

Journal Name:	<b>Asian Journal of Research in Agriculture and Forestry</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_AJRAF_120997</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Dynamics of woody Species Composition and diversity as a Result of Conversion of open grazing land to an enclosure in Northern Ethiopia, The case of Tigray lowlands</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Research Article</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

<b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's Feedback</b> <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>This manuscript is important for the scientific community as it provides valuable insights into the ecological impact of converting open grazing lands into exclosures, particularly in the context of Northern Ethiopia's Tigray lowlands. The study highlights the dynamics of woody species composition and diversity, contributing to our understanding of land management practices and their effects on biodiversity. I appreciate the manuscript for its focus on a region that is often underrepresented in ecological studies and for addressing a relevant conservation strategy that could be applied in similar arid and semi-arid regions worldwide. However, I would have liked more detailed analysis on the socio-economic implications for local communities, which would provide a more comprehensive view of the exclosure's benefits and challenges.</p>	
<p><b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>	
<p><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>	
<p><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>	
<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>This manuscript appears scientifically robust and technically sound due to its methodical approach to studying the dynamics of woody species composition and diversity. The researchers employed well-established ecological methods for data collection and analysis, ensuring that the findings are reliable and replicable. Additionally, the study's focus on a specific geographic area allows for in-depth analysis and provides valuable localized data that can be used for further research and comparison. The authors also demonstrate a clear understanding of the ecological principles and context relevant to the Tigray lowlands, lending credibility to their conclusions.</p>	
<p><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b></p>	<p><b>Yes, but kindly update the reference (the highlighted one) and try to use the latest references (the reference you used -1996).</b></p>	
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