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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)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>1- This manuscript can contribute to the understanding of the Tanzanian Media environment if the author is willing to improve it. There is a lot of work to do before this manuscript can even be considered for publication.</p> <p>2- The title sounds suitable.</p> <p>3- It is not clear what the author is trying to convey here. There is no clear research question. Is the author dealing with the watchdog role of journalism? positive reporting? sourcing practices? On what basis is the author assessing the newspapers reportage? It is stated in the abstract that three media frames were identified, but none of the frames was applied to analyze the actual stories from both newspapers. The author needs to be precise and concise on his research questions and methods.</p> <p>4- Yes</p> <p>5- Citing all sources used throughout the paper is required. Not doing so may result in a serious ethical violation (please refer to the comments made on the manuscript).</p> <p>6- 29 out of the 49 sources listed in the References section were not quoted in the paper. If the author took some ideas from those sources, he should quote them (see comments on the manuscript). Also, there is a few interesting research on There is available literature on Julius Nyerere's mega-dam or hydro-power project:</p> <p>1- https://eprints.whiterose.ac.uk/192066/</p> <p>2- https://www.diva-portal.org/smash/record.jsf?pid=diva2%3A1604019&dswid=1239</p> <p>3- https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-76073-1_23</p> <p>4- https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214629621003029</p> <p>Also note that B.J Dye is very prolific in terms of hydroelectric power and Governance in Tanzania. The author needs to explore his research.</p> <p>Besides, there is a significant amount of research on the watchdog role of Media in Africa or Media coverage of environmental impacts in Africa etc. A few examples are: A Review of Impacts associated with infrastructure news coverage in South Africa by CJ MacRobert (2020) ; Covering the environment in the Ghanaian media by Yankah (1990) ;The Role of Media Communications in Developing Tourism Policy and Cross Cultural Communication for Peace, Security for Sustainable tourism Industry in Africa by W Okaka (2007) ; to mention but a few.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>1- Overall, the English quality of the article is acceptable for scholarly communication. However, some simple edits need to be made on major typos.</p>	

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Optional/General comments	<p>1- The author claims to have reviewed content published in Mwananchi and Habarileo, but not a single passage from the stories in any of the newspapers has been quoted.</p> <p>2- What is the actual rationale behind wanting to tackle this topic now in 2023/2024? This needs to be explained. There have been lots of online articles lately on the J.N Hydropower Project. A few examples are from Tanzania Digest, Thecitizen.co.tz , Constructafrica.com , Daily News etc. Is that what triggered the interest to explore this topic?</p> <p>3- On page 4 : Is the author's name Tella or Di Tella? If Di Tella is his name please correct it, if it is Tella then fix it in the References section.</p> <p>4- The three media frames mentioned by the author (Attribution of Responsibility, Economic Consequences, and Environmental Consequences) need to be the main focus of this research. They need to be operationalized in order to analyze news content of the 19 stories published in both newspapers.</p> <p>5- Due to a lack of clear research questions and methods, the discussion section makes little to no sense. This section needs major improvements.</p>	
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PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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