

## Review Form 3

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### PART 1: Review Comments

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<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>	This manuscript is quite significant to the scientific community because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It addresses critical issues in sustainable Agriculture which is the management and marketing of groundwater resources, particularly in semi-arid regions like North Eastern Karnataka.</li> <li>Groundwater markets play a pivotal role in sustaining agriculture in water-scarce regions, and this study sheds light on the pricing mechanisms and challenges faced by both buyers and sellers of groundwater.</li> <li>Its findings emphasize the significance of local relationships in water trading and the economic burdens imposed on small farmers.</li> <li>The paper will contribute to the broader understanding of groundwater exploitation and the socio-economic dimensions of water markets, making it relevant for researchers and policymakers alike.</li> </ul>	
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>	Yes, the article title is suitable.	
<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>	The abstract is not very comprehensive, and the author(s) did not give a clear summary of the problem. The author(s) should ensure that the abstract contains a summary of the problem, methodology, and key finding conclusion. Although the key findings have been captured, but the abstract still needs to be revised. Additionally, some grammatical errors need revising as well.	
<b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b>	The subsections are good but there is a need for the addition of some more sections in the paper. This will help increase the level of readers' understanding of the whole concept of the study. The author(s) should consider increasing the introduction section and introducing the literature review section where issues related to groundwater and irrigation in India can be discussed, groundwater market and pricing dynamics, and challenges. There is also a need for recommendations that can serve as the authors' take-home message for researchers and policymakers.	
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound in terms of its methodology.</li> <li>It uses a well-structured sampling method (snowball sampling) to gather primary data from a representative group of groundwater buyers and sellers.</li> <li>The analysis of groundwater pricing through amortized costs and Garrett's ranking technique is methodologically appropriate and provides clear, quantifiable insights into the economic challenges faced by farmers.</li> </ul>	
<b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. -</b>	The references are sufficient but not recent. The author(s) should consider including some recent studies related to the topic.	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments <b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b>	Yes, language is suitable for scholarly publication. However, a major revision is needed to improve the overall coherence and grammatical errors in the paper.	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	Overall, the study is good and can increase the bodily literature of AJAEES.	

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

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