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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <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>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.</p>	<p>The aim of the paper is to determine how CIRA influence teachers' assessment practices. The topic is important and relevant. However, the author (s) did not do diligent work. For example, the problem statement is not clear and is without empirical support. There is no strong methodological support. Also, there are no adequate review of the literature and theoretical framework.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The title is not appropriately stated. I suggest the title below: Candidates' Items Responses Analysis and teachers' assessment practices in secondary schools in Zanzibar</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>How did CIRA influence teachers in preparing students for national exams? ...from the results. How can teachers' knowledge in CIRA be enhanced? What constitutes good knowledge of CIRA? How were the 80 respondents selected?</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>Sub-sections are appropriate.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>The problem is not well articulated. The author (s) should describe the nature of candidates' item response analysis and the rationale of CIRA. Support with empirical evidence from the literature.</p> <p>The paper lacks extensive review of literature. There is no theoretical framework. I suggest the item response theory mentioned here. The study has no strong methodological support.</p> <p>How was the instrument developed? Is it adapted? Or adopted. How was the instrument validated? Report reliability co-efficient. I think that the instrument used is not appropriate to answer the research question.</p> <p>There are no results on the observation data. The analysis and discussion of results are not sound. The author (s) show explain how the indexes (e.g. 3.065) were obtained? Do they represent means? The author (s) need to provide a standard for interpreting the indexes and support that with empirical evidence. Which criteria is used to interpret the means (at what index can you say the influence of CIRA is strong or significant). The author (s) need to measure the assessment practices of the teachers. How did you measure teachers' assessment practices? The results look more like views of teachers on how CIRA and their assessment. This does not measure influence. The word 'influence' in the statements does not mean they measure influence.</p>	

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Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. -	There is no consistency in the referencing style. I suggest APA.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	There are few grammatical issues.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
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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