

### Review Form 3

Journal Name:	<a href="#">European Journal of Nutrition &amp; Food Safety</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_EJNFS_128255
Title of the Manuscript:	Quantifying the Hidden Costs: A Review of True Cost Accounting in Agrifood Systems
Type of the Article	Review Article

#### **PART 1: 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>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	Highlighting the magnitude of these costs, which often far exceed the market prices of food, the article emphasises the need for a holistic and systemic assessment of agri-food systems. The article also illustrates the real cost accounting (TCA) method as a valuable tool for measuring and evaluating these costs, providing useful information for policy makers, farms and consumers for more sustainable decisions.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title of the article is appropriate and accurately reflects the content of the article. It highlights the main objective of the article, which is to quantify hidden costs and to examine the TCA method as a tool for such quantification.	
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.	The abstract is comprehensive and well-structured. It effectively summarises the key points of the article, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The definition of hidden costs and their relevance.</li> <li>- The introduction of the TCA method and its application to agri-food systems.</li> <li>- The estimates of hidden costs that have emerged from previous studies.</li> <li>- The importance of integrating hidden cost assessment into agri-food policies.</li> </ul>	
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	The article demonstrates a solid scientific basis. The authors present a comprehensive overview of externalities in agri-food systems, explain the TCA method in detail and cite a wide range of authoritative sources. The data analysis and conclusions drawn are consistent with the information presented.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The bibliographical references are sufficient and recent. The authors have included a wide range of relevant sources, including scientific articles, reports from international organisations and policy documents. References are correctly formatted and cited in the text.	

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Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The quality of the English language is adequate for scientific communication. The text is clear, concise and free of significant grammatical errors.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	<p>Based on my analysis, I recommend accepting the article with minor revisions. The article makes a significant contribution to the understanding of hidden costs in agri-food systems and the TCA method.</p> <p>Some minor revisions could further improve the quality of the article:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Deepen the discussion on the practical implications of applying the TCA method.</li><li>- Provide concrete examples of how TCA can be integrated into agri-food policies.</li><li>- Add a section on the future challenges and opportunities of hidden cost research.</li></ul>	

### PART 2:

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

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