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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	In my opinion what is missing is the mixture of factors determining the benefits. It is not enough to know what is the share of benefits received by the poorest quintile. It is important to know that are the characteristics of this group – overrepresentation of young/ women/ less educated than in other quintiles? The current presentation gives hardly any insight to the actual benefits. Moreover, there is no information on the type of production/ farm size and structure of different income quintiles. This also makes the findings less useful for policymakers and other stakeholders and academia.	Issues raised noted and possible adjustments and improvements made in the results and discussion sections accordingly. However, it must be noted that while the reviewers comments on group characteristics is important, by design, the BIA analysis does not delve deeply into such dynamics within the framework of its analysis model. For example, we had even added the following paragraph within the paper. “ The purpose of undertaking the BIA in this study was to establish to which particular group benefits accrue and if these benefits are equitably and equally distributed. In this regard, it must be noted however that a BIA has limitations since it does not take behaviour and other grouping characteristics into account. For example, the likely change in demand from households that would result from policy changes. See page 5
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