Review of: "Growth, Instability and Trend Analysis of Rice Production Indicators in Nigeria"

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Abstract (Research Method)

Page 1. Why did you insert a closing bracket when there is no opening one? Please fix

Page 1. Which decomposition analysis did you apply, as there are many? You must specify it here because certain readers may be more interested in the empirical approach you utilized, and you must highlight it here to entice them to read more.

Originality/Value

Page 2. After reading the introduction, I asked myself, So what? Why is this study important, and what value do the empirical results mean for the Nigerian rice sector and agricultural policy? The authors need to provide these as contributions to the study. For example, see a study by Joshi et al. (2021), which applied a similar decomposition approach but also highlighted policy implications in the abstract. https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666154321001381

Introduction

Page 3 (last paragraph). "*Analysing the trend and breakdown of rice production indicators and presenting them in an accessible style may give the academic community fresh insights.*" Why is the study only targeted at academics, not policymakers? What would the academics do with the results? To make the study attractive to the rice industry and policy makers, I think you need to align the objectives of the study with current or future policy for the sector in Nigeria rather than making it sound like it is only an academic exercise. For example, how can the insights from this paper inform the current agricultural policies in Nigeria.