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Interactive comment on "The use of semi-structured interviews for the characterisation of farmer irrigation practices" *by* J. O'Keeffe et al.

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Hi Jimmy

Thanks for the detailed response. I do appreciate that carrying out as well as reporting mixed methods can be challenging, and agree that your approach of face-to-face interviewing/surveying sounds generally appropriate way to explore the issues and get estimates of certain characteristics, given the situation you were working in. However, you need to be careful in the presentation and claims made for the methods (also in the description of limitations - e.g. using a translator is not a challenge inherent or unique to semi-structured interviews).

Therefore I am glad that you will consider updating the presentation of the methods in

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any future iterations of the paper.

I reiterate the specific suggestion to present this as a survey administered face-to-face, rather than as semi-structured interviews. As you say, semi-structured interviews can be excellent for studying "the impacts of events on individuals" but I think you did not use your survey/interviews for this purpose? I saw you assess and report characteristics of farms and water management, but do not report any information that was not about these characteristics, which implies there was not much flexibility in the data collection and no exploration of perceptions and experiences, both of which would be expected if using s-s interviews.

Good luck with the revisions

Cheers Kerry

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