Name of the manuscript: “The role of agricultural cooperatives in rice farming sustainability: a case study in Vietnamese Mekong Delta”

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• Topic of the paper is about the role of agriculture cooperative in rice farming sustainability. Therefore, the research topic has many practical significance, especially in the context of many serious environmental problems today.

• A gorgeous literature review provided a good foundation for research and appropriate method selection.

• The research result is very detail and in line with research purpose and it proves the important role of Agriculture Cooperatives.
Points may need to be improved

• The reason of the difference in production efficiency and input slack of the members of agriculture cooperatives in different locations/provinces need to be discussed. Any lesson learnt from the local government interventions/support for the cooperatives?

• The calculation of the difference in table 2 need to be re-checked.

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<th>thousand VND/ha</th>
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<td>Hired labor</td>
<td>1,419.15</td>
<td>1,400.60</td>
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1. Which are the activities in the production process that the agriculture cooperative’s members use the service of the cooperative? Which benefit do they receive from the cooperatives? Does the cooperative need any regulation/incentives to encourage the member to use cooperative service?

2. How do those cooperatives control the quality of the rice product to ensure a good image of the brand-named of cooperative’s product so that they can sell at a higher price?
Thank you !!!