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Journal Name:	Journal of Education, Society and Behavioural Science
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Title of the Manuscript:	Analysis of Intra-Regional Trade Potential in the ECOWAS Zone
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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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)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</p>	<p>The manuscript addresses a pertinent and significant topic with relevance to the scientific community. By examining the intra-regional trade potential in the ECOWAS zone, the research contributes valuable insights to the fields of economics and international trade. The study's findings hold relevance for policymakers, economists, and researchers interested in understanding and fostering economic integration within the West African region. The manuscript's importance lies in its potential to inform and guide discussions on regional economic development, trade policies, and the dynamics of trade relationships among ECOWAS member countries.</p> <p>The title of the article, "Analysis of Intra-Regional Trade Potential in the ECOWAS Zone," is suitable and effectively communicates the central focus of the manuscript. It accurately reflects the research's scope and objectives, providing a clear indication of the study's emphasis on analyzing trade potential within the specified West African region. No revision is necessary for the current title, as it precisely encapsulates the content of the article.</p> <p>The abstract of the article is comprehensive. It effectively summarizes the key elements of the research, including the research question, methodology, main findings, and policy implications. The abstract provides a clear overview of the study, allowing readers to grasp the essence of the research without delving into the full manuscript. It adheres to the standard structure for abstracts and successfully conveys the significance of the analysis of intra-regional trade potential in the ECOWAS zone.</p> <p>Yes, the subsections and overall structure of the manuscript are appropriate. The manuscript follows a logical and standard structure commonly seen in research articles, including an introduction, literature review, methodology, results, discussion, and conclusion.</p> <p>The manuscript appears to be scientifically correct. The research methodology, particularly the use of the gravity model and the calculation of trade potential, aligns with established and widely recognized approaches in international trade analysis.</p> <p>The references in the manuscript seem to cover a reasonable range of sources relevant to the study of intra-regional trade potential in the ECOWAS zone.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language and English quality of the article should be enhanced for better scholarly communication. There are instances of grammatical errors and awkward phrasing that need attention.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abstract Improvement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The abstract can be more concise while highlighting the key objectives, methodology, and major findings of the study. This helps readers quickly grasp the essence of the research. 2. Introduction Enhancement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a clearer link between the general issues discussed in the introduction (e.g., globalization, integration) and the specific focus on ECOWAS trade potential. • Consider restructuring the introduction to provide a smoother transition to the research question and objectives. 3. Literature Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the literature review section by incorporating more recent studies on intra-regional trade within Africa and ECOWAS. This will strengthen the theoretical framework. 4. Methodology Clarification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly articulate the steps involved in applying the gravity model and the rationale 	

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	<p>for choosing this method. This will enhance the reproducibility and transparency of your study.</p> <p>5. Results Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The results section is well-structured, but consider providing more detailed insights into the implications of the findings. How do these results contribute to the existing literature, and what policy recommendations can be derived? <p>6. Discussion Section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elaborate on the policy implications and recommendations for each country. Discuss how the authorities could implement the suggested measures effectively. <p>7. Language and Clarity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall language quality is acceptable, but there are instances of awkward phrasing and grammatical errors. A thorough proofreading and editing process would improve the clarity and readability of the manuscript. <p>8. Conclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The conclusion is concise, but consider summarizing the key findings and their implications. Reiterate the contributions of the study to the existing literature. <p>9. References:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It would be beneficial to ensure that the references include a mix of classic and recent literature to demonstrate a thorough understanding of the topic's historical context and contemporary developments. Additionally, checking for the inclusion of seminal works and recent publications in the field of international trade and regional integration would enhance the comprehensiveness of the reference list. Finally, ensure that all sources in the references are cited in the manuscript, and vice versa. 	
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	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)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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