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Journal Name:	<b>Asian Journal of Agricultural Extension, Economics &amp; Sociology</b>
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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (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><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></li> <li>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></li> <li>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></li> <li>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></li> </ol> <p><b><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></b></p>	<p>The studies that address aspects that support performance in certain fields are of interest both for theory and for the scientific environment. We can appreciate that agriculture is one of the fields that over time has developed a sustainable dynamic, which in turn has been supported by certain factors.</p> <p>For added relevance, the article should reflect in the title the fact that it specifically refers to this agricultural field. On the other hand, an equally comprehensive but simpler formulation of the title should be found, such as something like "Curriculum improvements for agricultural extension professionals".</p> <p>The abstract should certainly be synthesized and compressed to reflect the specific aspects of this section. In the content of the article, they can be addressed sufficiently extensively. The abstract should make only a few brief references to these aspects.</p> <p>The title of the article mentions that the completion of the curriculum also aims at effective performance. The abstract mentions that productivity, sustainability, and rural development are supported. This expression should be clarified for consistency and relevance.</p> <p>In the section dedicated to introduction, the gap in the specialized literature that this study aims to cover should be clearly identified. A few studies written up to now should be briefly mentioned and in this context the contribution of this research should be highlighted. It is also necessary to point out the objectives of the research here, briefly describe the methodology and the usefulness of the research results for the scientific environment and for the business environment. Possibly some research hypotheses can be formulated. A last paragraph of a few lines should mention the structure of the article.</p> <p>After the introduction, the literature review section is important for reviewing the studies published so far in the specialized literature. <b><u>This section is not found in the content of the article.</u></b> This should be sufficiently comprehensive, extensive, and current. Of the eleven bibliographical titles used, only three were published in the last fourteen years.</p> <p>The methodology section refers to the fact that the purpose and objectives of the study are considered. These have not been presented so far in the content of the article. The relevance of the Karnataka area from where the study data is selected is not clearly presented. Is it relevant for a specific country or for a specific field? Why? Additional data should be added in this regard. Core skills and competencies should be explained and defined. What is the scientific justification for selecting the 12 skills and competencies in the study? Why are these relevant for agricultural extension professionals? How do we know that these skills and competencies support performance? It should be substantiated by the effective presentation in the literature review section of the studies that were previously written on this subject. Not only studies from India are relevant, but also others published internationally. The representativeness of the sample of 261 respondents should be justified.</p> <p>I do not think that the results of a research are substantiated and relevant in the conditions in which it is based on mean and SD. The authors should bring additional arguments (of a statistical nature) in the research in this sense. Also, the results of the authors' own research should be compared with the results of other similar studies published nationally and internationally. The results should be interpreted and valued not only from a statistical point of view. As the title suggests, the impact on performance should be discussed and elaborated more. The contribution, the contribution of the research results for the scientific environment or the business environment is not highlighted. I would encourage the authors to introduce in the article some perspectives regarding the</p>	

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	<p>continuation of the research. Some limitations of the research should be highlighted at the end of the article.</p> <p>The section dedicated to the conclusions should be substantiated. Under these conditions, it contains more information presented in declarative mode, without necessarily being sustainable considering the content of the article.</p> <p>I hope that the authors consider the suggestions and proposals previously mentioned. These have a constructive role in substantiating the study, a proper structuring and have a positive impact on increasing the relevance of the research results and would support the increase in the visibility of the journal.</p>	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
<b>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b>	Yes	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments		

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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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