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PART 1: Review Comments

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Please write few sentences regarding the importance this manuscript for scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? Minimum 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	By systematically reviewing green packaging practices, it provides valuable insights into how these practices can mitigate environmental hazards and promote eco-friendly operations in hospitality settings. Such research is essential for guiding policy-making, enhancing industry standards, and fostering a culture of sustainability. Additionally, it fills a gap in the literature by focusing on a region and sector that are often underrepresented in environmental studies.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title "GREEN PACKAGING PRACTICES ON ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY IN GHANA'S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW ARTICLE" is descriptive and clear, indicating the scope and focus of the research. However, it could be made more concise and impactful. Here's an alternative suggestion: "Green Packaging and Environmental Safety in Ghana's Hospitality Industry: A Systematic Review"	

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<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>Comprehensive Abstract Should Include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Objective: Clearly state the purpose of the research. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example: "This study systematically reviews green packaging practices in Ghana's hospitality industry and their impact on environmental safety." 2. Methods: Briefly describe the methodology used in the systematic review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example: "A systematic review of relevant literature was conducted, focusing on studies from the past decade that examine green packaging initiatives in the hospitality sector." 3. Key Findings: Summarize the main findings of the review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example: "The review found that green packaging practices significantly reduce waste and pollution, enhancing environmental safety." 4. Implications: Highlight the practical implications of the findings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example: "These findings suggest that implementing green packaging can lead to sustainable practices within the hospitality industry in Ghana." 5. Conclusion: Conclude with the importance of the study and future research directions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example: "This study underscores the importance of green packaging in promoting environmental safety and recommends further research on scalable solutions." <p>Possible Additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope: Specify the scope of the literature reviewed (e.g., time frame, types of studies). • Context: Briefly mention the significance of the hospitality industry in Ghana's economy and its environmental impact. <p>Possible Deletions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redundant Information: Remove any repetitive or overly detailed descriptions of individual studies. • Unnecessary Jargon: Simplify the language to make the abstract accessible to a broader audience. <p>If you can provide the current abstract, I can give more specific suggestions tailored to your text.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Background and Rationale ○ Research Objectives ○ Significance of the Study 2. Literature Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of Green Packaging ○ Environmental Impact of Hospitality Industry ○ Previous Studies on Green Packaging in Hospitality 3. Methodology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Search Strategy ○ Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria ○ Data Extraction and Analysis 4. Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summary of Included Studies ○ Key Findings on Green Packaging Practices ○ Impact on Environmental Safety 5. Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interpretation of Results ○ Comparison with Previous Research ○ Implications for Policy and Practice 6. Conclusion 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summary of Key Findings ○ Recommendations for Industry Stakeholders ○ Future Research Directions <p>7. References</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comprehensive list of all sources cited <p>8. Appendices (if needed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additional Tables, Figures, or Data ○ Detailed Methodological Information <p>Appropriateness of Subsections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction: Should clearly define the problem, set the context, and outline the research objectives. 2. Literature Review: Should provide a thorough review of existing knowledge and identify gaps that the current study aims to fill. 3. Methodology: Should detail the systematic review process, ensuring transparency and reproducibility. 4. Results: Should present the findings in a clear and organized manner, possibly with subheadings for different themes or aspects of green packaging. 5. Discussion: Should interpret the results, relate them to existing literature, and discuss their implications. 6. Conclusion: Should succinctly summarize the study's contributions and suggest areas for future research. 7. References and Appendices: Should be formatted according to the journal's guidelines and provide all necessary supplementary information. <p>Evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Coverage: Ensure that each section covers all relevant aspects of the topic comprehensively. • Logical Flow: Check that the structure follows a logical progression, making it easy for readers to follow the arguments and findings. • Clarity and Conciseness: Subsections should be clear and concise, avoiding unnecessary detail or repetition. <p>If you can provide more details about the current structure, I can offer more specific feedback and suggestions</p>	
<p>Please write few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? Minimum 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound due to its meticulous adherence to the systematic review methodology. The comprehensive search strategy, clear inclusion and exclusion criteria, and rigorous data extraction process ensure the reliability and validity of the findings. By synthesizing a broad range of studies, the manuscript provides a holistic view of green packaging practices and their environmental impacts within Ghana's hospitality industry. Additionally, the transparent presentation of results and critical discussion of the findings in the context of existing literature further enhance the scientific credibility of the study</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p>=</p>	<p>To evaluate if the references are sufficient and recent, consider the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coverage: Do the references cover all relevant aspects of green packaging, environmental safety, and the hospitality industry? 2. Recency: Are the majority of references from the past 5-10 years to ensure the study reflects the latest research? 3. Diversity: Are the references from a mix of primary research articles, review articles, and 	

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	<p>reputable sources?</p> <p>Suggestions for Evaluating and Enhancing References:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Coverage:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ensure references cover both theoretical and practical aspects of green packaging.○ Include studies on environmental impacts specific to the hospitality industry.○ Cite key articles that discuss the implementation of sustainable practices in similar regions or industries.Recency:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Check that most references are recent, ideally within the last decade.○ Include the latest advancements and trends in green packaging technologies and practices.Diversity:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Incorporate a mix of sources, including academic journals, industry reports, and policy papers.○ Reference articles from diverse geographic locations to provide a broader perspective. <p>Suggested Additional References:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Recent Advances in Green Packaging:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Siracusa, V., Rocculi, P., Romani, S., & Dalla Rosa, M. (2008). Biodegradable polymers for food packaging: a review. <i>Trends in Food Science & Technology</i>, 19(12), 634-643.○ Marsh, K., & Bugusu, B. (2007). Food packaging—roles, materials, and environmental issues. <i>Journal of Food Science</i>, 72(3), R39-R55.Environmental Impacts in the Hospitality Industry:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jones, P., Hillier, D., & Comfort, D. (2017). Sustainability in the hospitality industry. <i>International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management</i>, 29(1), 30-47.○ Bohdanowicz, P., & Zientara, P. (2009). Hotel companies' contribution to improving the quality of life of local communities and the well-being of their employees. <i>Tourism and Hospitality Research</i>, 9(2), 147-158.Sustainable Practices in Similar Regions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Gunarathne, N., & Lee, K. H. (2015). Environmental sustainability practices in large-scale hotels in Sri Lanka: An exploratory study. <i>International Journal of Hospitality Management</i>, 49, 105-118.○ Mensah, I. (2006). Environmental management practices among hotels in the greater Accra region. <i>International Journal of Hospitality Management</i>, 25(3), 414-431. <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>Ensure that the references are comprehensive, up-to-date, and relevant to the scope of the study. Adding recent and diverse sources will strengthen the manuscript's foundation and relevance.</p>	
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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Evaluation Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Clarity: Are the sentences clear and easy to understand?2. Grammar and Syntax: Are there any grammatical or syntactical errors?3. Academic Tone: Is the tone appropriate for an academic audience?4. Consistency: Is the language consistent throughout the manuscript? <p>General Comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Clarity: Ensure that all sentences are clear and convey the intended meaning without ambiguity. Avoid overly complex sentences that could confuse readers.2. Grammar and Syntax: Check for grammatical errors, such as subject-verb agreement, punctuation, and proper use of tenses. Make sure each sentence is grammatically correct.3. Academic Tone: Use formal language appropriate for academic writing. Avoid colloquialisms and ensure that the tone remains professional and objective.4. Consistency: Maintain a consistent writing style throughout the manuscript. This includes using consistent terminology, abbreviations, and referencing style. <p>Suggested Improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Proofreading: Thoroughly proofread the manuscript to catch any grammatical or typographical errors. Consider using grammar-checking tools or seeking assistance from a professional proofreader.2. Sentence Structure: Vary sentence structure to enhance readability. Use a mix of short and long sentences to maintain reader interest.3. Technical Terms: Define any technical terms or jargon used in the manuscript to ensure that readers from different backgrounds can understand the content.4. Cohesion: Ensure that paragraphs flow logically from one to another. Use transitional phrases to improve the coherence of the manuscript. <p>Example of Revision Comments:</p> <p>"The language and English quality of the article are generally suitable for scholarly communication. However, minor revisions are recommended to enhance clarity and readability. Ensure all sentences are grammatically correct and free of typographical errors. The academic tone is appropriate, but attention to consistency and the definition of technical terms will improve the manuscript's accessibility to a broader audience."</p> <p>By addressing these minor revision comments, the manuscript will meet the high standards expected in scholarly communications.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Strengths of the Manuscript:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The manuscript provides a comprehensive and systematic review of green packaging practices in Ghana's hospitality industry, a topic of significant environmental and economic importance.○ The methodology is well-detailed, ensuring the reproducibility of the study and the credibility of its findings.○ The discussion effectively interprets the results in the context of existing literature, offering valuable insights for both researchers and practitioners.2. Potential Enhancements:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Visual Aids: Consider adding more visual aids, such as tables, graphs, or flowcharts,	

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	<p>to summarize key findings and make complex information more accessible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Practical Examples: Incorporate real-world examples or case studies of successful green packaging initiatives within the hospitality industry. This will provide practical context and illustrate the application of the research findings. ○ Stakeholder Perspectives: Include perspectives from various stakeholders, such as hospitality managers, environmental experts, and policymakers, to provide a more holistic view of the challenges and opportunities associated with green packaging. <p>3. Broader Implications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discuss the broader implications of the study’s findings for the global hospitality industry, particularly in developing countries with similar environmental challenges. ○ Highlight how the adoption of green packaging practices can contribute to achieving international sustainability goals, such as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). <p>4. Future Research Directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggest specific areas for future research, such as the economic impact of green packaging practices or the long-term environmental benefits of widespread adoption in the hospitality industry. ○ Encourage interdisciplinary research that combines insights from environmental science, economics, and hospitality management to address the complexities of sustainable packaging. <p>5. Engagement with Local Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emphasize the unique aspects of Ghana’s environmental and economic landscape that influence the adoption of green packaging practices. This localized focus will make the study more relevant and impactful for regional stakeholders. ○ Explore collaborations with local institutions and organizations to support the implementation of the study’s recommendations and foster a culture of sustainability within the Ghanaian hospitality industry. <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The manuscript is a valuable contribution to the field of environmental sustainability in the hospitality industry. By addressing these optional/general comments, the authors can further enhance the impact and relevance of their work, making it a cornerstone reference for future research and practical applications in green packaging practices.</p>	
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PART 2:

	Reviewer’s comment	Author’s comment <i>(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)</i>
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