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Journal Name:	<b>Journal of Economics, Management and Trade</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_JEMT_120932</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Quality of Institutions and Gross Domestic Product of Western Balkan Countries</b>
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**PART 1: Review Comments**

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's Feedback</b> (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>This manuscript is significant for the scientific community as it provides a comprehensive analysis of the relationship between the quality of economic institutions and economic growth in the Western Balkan countries. By utilizing data from the World Bank's Worldwide Governance Indicators and employing robust statistical methods, the study offers valuable insights into how institutional quality influences GDP per capita in a region that is often underrepresented in economic research. The findings can guide policymakers in these countries to prioritize institutional reforms that drive sustainable economic growth.</p>	
<p><b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b></p>	<p>Yes, the title of the article, "Quality of Institutions and Gross Domestic Product of Western Balkan Countries," is suitable. It clearly reflects the core focus of the study, which is to investigate the relationship between the quality of economic institutions and the GDP per capita in the Western Balkan countries. The title is concise and informative, making it easy for readers to understand the primary subject of the research.</p>	
<p><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b></p>	<p>Yes, the abstract of the article is comprehensive. However, slight improvements for clarity and detail could enhance its effectiveness.</p>	
<p><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p>	<p>Yes, the subsections and structure of the manuscript are appropriate. The manuscript follows a conventional academic structure, beginning with an abstract that summarizes the study's aims, methodology, results, and recommendations. It proceeds with an introduction that provides necessary background information, defines key concepts, and outlines the research objectives. The methodology section clearly describes the data sources, analytical methods, and tools used, ensuring reproducibility. The results and discussion section presents the findings and interprets their significance in the context of existing literature. Finally, the conclusion summarizes the main findings, discusses their implications, and offers recommendations for future research and policy.</p>	
<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>This manuscript demonstrates scientific robustness and technical soundness through its rigorous methodology and comprehensive analysis. The use of correlation and regression analyses on panel data from 2008 to 2022 ensures a thorough examination of the relationship between the quality of economic institutions and GDP per capita. The application of well-established statistical techniques, coupled with the use of reliable data sources such as the World Bank's Worldwide Governance Indicators, enhances the credibility of the findings. Furthermore, the manuscript's clear presentation of results and thoughtful discussion of their implications contribute to its overall scientific validity, making it a valuable contribution to the field of economic research.</p>	
<p><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	

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Minor REVISION comments <b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b>	The language and English quality of the article appear suitable for scholarly communication. The manuscript is generally clear and well-structured, with appropriate use of technical terms and academic language.	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	The manuscript offers a valuable contribution to understanding the impact of institutional quality on economic growth in the Western Balkans. To enhance its relevance, consider discussing how these findings compare with other regions or economic contexts.	

### **PART 2:**

	<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)
<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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