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Title of the Manuscript:	The Entrepreneurial Mindset: Views and Perspectives of Cacao Entrepreneurs on Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Bicol Region, Philippines
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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This manuscript brings forward a valuable perspective on how cacao farmers and entrepreneurs in the Bicol Region of the Philippines view innovation and entrepreneurship, making it a meaningful addition to the field. - It sheds light on the aspirations and challenges of small-scale farmers striving to create value-added cacao products within their communities, which is both inspiring and practical. - I appreciate how the study captures the ways these entrepreneurs aim to foster sustainable development through local business, which not only supports economic growth but also strengthens community bonds. - The findings resonate well, offering practical insights that can encourage similar grassroots innovations in other areas, helping to unlock potential in emerging agricultural markets. 	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The current title is informative but could be streamlined for clarity and impact. A more concise and engaging title might be: "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Among Cacao Farmers: Insights from the Bicol Region, Philippines"</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>The abstract effectively outlines the study but could be polished to make the main points clearer and more impactful. Here's how:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make the introduction concise: The opening sentences could be merged into a single, stronger statement that clearly sets up the purpose—exploring how innovation and entrepreneurship support economic growth specifically within the cacao industry in the Bicol region. 2. Enhance clarity on methods: Describing the survey and qualitative analysis is useful, but briefly mentioning how these methods uncovered key insights—like community support and entrepreneurial mindsets—would add clarity and relevance. 3. Sharpen the focus on findings: The key findings are well-presented, though they could better emphasize specific needs in the cacao industry. Highlighting how community support and investment willingness foster local economic growth would make the findings more impactful. 4. Underline the broader implications: Ending with a note on the broader significance—such as the potential relevance to other emerging agricultural industries or sustainable development—could provide added context and depth. 	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>Your manuscript is well-organized and effectively covers the key aspects of innovation and entrepreneurship in the Philippine cacao industry. To improve clarity and flow, here are a few suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: End with a clearer statement of your study's objectives and scope, particularly focused on the Bicol region. Condense the background information to maintain a sharper focus on your study's aims. • Review of Related Literature: Consider dividing this section into subsections for better readability. For example, separate discussions on national policies, regional startup successes (like Naga City), cacao entrepreneurship, and global trends in innovation and sustainability. • Methodology: Offer more detail on the survey questions and qualitative analysis themes. Justify the choice of 70 respondents to reinforce the reliability of your sample. 	
<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -This manuscript demonstrates scientific robustness through its comprehensive approach to examining innovation and entrepreneurship within the cacao industry in the Philippines. - The study is grounded in a clear methodological framework, utilizing both quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews to gather diverse perspectives on the topic. - The literature review is well-researched, drawing from both national and global sources, and appropriately links policy, innovation, and entrepreneurship within the specific context of cacao 	

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	production. Additionally, the analysis of the results is systematic, with thematic discussions that connect findings to real-world challenges and opportunities, ensuring the study's technical soundness.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. :	The references in this manuscript are generally sufficient and cover a wide range of relevant topics, including innovation, entrepreneurship, and the cacao industry. They include both recent studies and foundational sources, ensuring a solid framework for the research. However, a few additional references could enhance the manuscript's scientific breadth, particularly regarding the regional context of the Bicol region.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The language and English quality of the article are generally suitable for scholarly communication. The manuscript is well-structured, and the overall tone is professional and academic. However, there are a few areas where clarity and conciseness could be improved. Some sentences could be simplified to ensure the content is easily understood by a broader academic audience. Additionally, there are occasional moments where the flow between ideas could be smoother to enhance readability. Minor revisions to refine sentence structure, eliminate redundancy, and correct any minor grammatical issues would elevate the manuscript's quality. Overall, with some fine-tuning, the article would be well-suited for publication in scholarly journals.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	This manuscript has great potential and, with a few refinements, would contribute valuable knowledge to the fields of innovation, entrepreneurship, and agriculture.	

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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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