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Journal Name:	<b>Journal of Economics, Management and Trade</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_JEMT_111469</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Examining the Economic Benefits of Smallholder Pepper Production in the Kumbungu District of Northern Ghana</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</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> <p>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></p> <p>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p> <p>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></p> <p>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></p> <p><b><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></b></p>	<p>Yes pertaining to socioeconomic characteristics of a region</p> <p><b>Alternative title suggested in separate sheet Of Reviewer comment</b> Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Comment mentioned in separate sheet</p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>		
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p><b>Reviewer's Comments</b></p> <p>The manuscript summarized the economic benefits of smallholder farmers associated with pepper production in the Kumbungu District of Northern Ghana. Despite the contents covered by the author, it is observed that the manuscript title didn't reflect the main text comprehensively, hence appropriate title need to be provided. Overall, the research topic is interesting, and the research contents can further improve our understanding of the local people growing economically important crops and the advantages and disadvantages they experienced in their occupation. However, before the publication of this article, the manuscript requires a substantial revision to meet the criteria of a research article. Some comments need to be addressed as given below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manuscript title requires revision based on the scope of the research paper. The present title indicated only the economic benefits but it is observed that demography of the study area also mentioned in the article. Hence, the title of the manuscript needs revision.</li> <li>2. In the Introduction section, the author should cite and add some recent references in the 3 &amp; 4 para. The author should mention the significance of their work at the end of Introduction.</li> <li>3. In the study area description, GPS coordinates must be mentioned. Map of study area can be provided with GPS coordinates.</li> <li>4. Section 4 (Results and Discussion) elaborately narrated. The major part of the write-up in this</li> </ol>	

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	<p>section give information of the results but there is poor representation of discussion on the results obtained. Hence, it is suggested that the author should discuss and justify his findings by citing recent and relevant literature.</p> <p>5. The detail of the statistical calculation of section 4.2 is not necessary to be shown rather the data may be properly tabulated.</p> <p>6. Some parameters of table 3 show repetition with fig 1. So fig 1 is superfluous. Author can think of and add appropriate graphical representation of data that are shown in tables.</p> <p>7. The section 5 (Conclusions and Recommendations) should be revised. The conclusion and recommendations should be distinctly written separated by para.</p> <p>8. The conclusion part of section 5 indicated just repetition of the results section mentioned already in the manuscript. Therefore, it should be rewritten in a manner that does not indicate replication of any other section rather reveals author's opinion and comprehensive ideas of the work carried out</p> <p>9. In the last para of section 5, conclusion and recommendation seemed merged, therefore the author need to write in a clear and distinct manner separating conclusion and recommendations.</p> <p>9. The English writing of the manuscript can be improved further with English proofreading.</p> <p>10. The reference section should be enriched by adding detail list of more number of recent references.</p> <p>11. The manuscript may be accepted following revision on the above recommendations.</p>	
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### PART 2:

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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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