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Journal Name:	<b>Asian Journal of Agricultural Extension, Economics &amp; Sociology</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_AJAEES_110917</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>AGRIPRENEURIAL EMPOWERMENT OF BANANA FARMERS: A GROUP-CENTRIC APPROACH THROUGH PARTICIPATORY ACTION AND LEARNING</b>
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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	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)
<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><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>1) The manuscript very aptly highlights the need for cooperation, teamwork and collaboration of banana farmers in order to add value to their product through collective business ventures. However, while the above is a very targeted finding and a social problem plaguing “weak” farmer, the authors report a model which they do not tell us if they invented it or if they adopted the methodology and adapted it accordingly or if they used it as is from the literature. Also, in the "Methodology" section, it mentions the sample corresponding to ten farmers, but nowhere is the model used, the parameters, the variables, nor the limitations. Additionally, the results section states that calculations were made and that processing 4 kg of bananas results in 2 kg of jam. Where does this come from? What are these calculations and how is this correspondence obtained? Briefly, the manuscript has potential and can provide reliable results to the scientific community, but it should be reformulated in several aspects by the authors.</p> <p>2) Yes. The title clearly captures the content of the article and embodies its meaning. An alternative, with a shorter, ten-word title would be the following: <i>“An Applied Group-Centric Approach for Empowering Banana Farmer's Agripreneurial Culture”</i></p> <p>3) At the Abstract section, a brief comment on the results and conclusions should be added</p> <p>4) The “results” section is a dominant section for each manuscript. Thus, it is proposed to be presented separately and not include an additional one such as the "discussion" section. The latter is more suited to the "conclusions" section</p> <p>5) The manuscript should definitely include some more detailed references to the model and methodology used by the authors in order to provide a methodological and scientific background. In this particular case, none of the above is mentioned.</p> <p>6) Every reference belongs to the last decade (2010-2020) which is a very good sign about the knowledge of the scientific field However, the drawback in that section is about the style of the references! I) What is the style the authors follow? In the most of the references some differences are observed. For instance, in 5 out of 9 references the symbol ( " ) is present, while in the rest 3 it is not entered. II) In addition, does the style imposed by the journal and followed by the authors require that the name of the respective journal in each reference be written in italics or in normal? Some references are written in italics and others in normal, while there are also two references where the name of the journal is written with an abbreviation (e.g. CJAR instead of The Canadian Journal of Action Research and J. Advanced Res. Econ. instead of something else)</p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></li> </ol>	<p>The authors use the English language fluently and the background vocabulary covers it.</p>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>		

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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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