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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><u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>Abstract Evaluation:</p> <p>The abstract provides a concise overview of the study's objectives, methodology, findings, and implications. It effectively communicates the significance of the research topic and the approach taken to investigate the impact of environmental regulation on the competitiveness of China's pharmaceutical manufacturing industry. However, there are some aspects that could be further enhanced:</p> <p>Clarity and Precision: The abstract effectively summarizes the key findings and methodology used in the study. However, providing more specific details on the nature of the environmental regulations studied and the metrics used to assess competitiveness could enhance clarity.</p> <p>Scope and Generalizability: It would be beneficial to clarify the scope of the study and its generalizability. For instance, are the findings limited to specific types of environmental regulations or applicable to broader regulatory frameworks? Additionally, discussing the limitations of the study in terms of generalizability to other countries or industries would provide valuable context.</p> <p>Policy Recommendations: While the abstract briefly mentions policy recommendations, it could benefit from elaborating on specific recommendations derived from the study findings. Providing actionable insights for policymakers would enhance the practical relevance of the research.</p> <p>Content Evaluation:</p> <p>Data and Methodology: The use of provincial panel data and the entropy method to measure competitiveness are appropriate for the study's objectives. However, providing more details on the specific variables used in the analysis, the econometric model employed, and any potential data limitations would strengthen the methodological rigor.</p> <p>Findings and Analysis: The study's findings regarding the positive impact of environmental regulation on the competitiveness of China's pharmaceutical manufacturing industry are significant. The identification of regional disparities and the mediating effect of technological innovation add depth to the analysis. However, further exploration of the mechanisms through which environmental regulation facilitates technological innovation would enrich the discussion.</p> <p>Implications and Recommendations: The study's implications for policy and industry stakeholders are clearly outlined. However, providing more detailed and context-specific policy recommendations would enhance the practical utility of the research. Additionally, discussing potential implications for environmental sustainability and public health would broaden the scope of the study's impact.</p> <p>Introduction Evaluation:</p> <p>The introduction effectively contextualizes the research within the broader framework of China's environmental and economic development goals. It clearly outlines the significance of the study, aligning it with national priorities such as ecological civilization and sustainable economic growth. The introduction sets a strong foundation for understanding</p>	

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	<p>the research objectives and the importance of investigating the relationship between environmental regulation and the competitiveness of the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry.</p> <p>Literature Review Evaluation:</p> <p>The literature review provides a comprehensive overview of existing research on environmental regulation and its effects on various aspects of the economy, including enterprise performance, industrial restructuring, and high-quality development. It effectively synthesizes divergent findings in the literature, highlighting both the positive and negative impacts of environmental regulation on industrial competitiveness. The review effectively identifies a research gap concerning the specific impact of environmental regulation on the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry, setting the stage for the study's empirical analysis.</p> <p>Research Objective and Methodology Evaluation:</p> <p>The research objective and methodology section clearly articulate the study's aims and approach. The utilization of provincial panel data from 2011 to 2021 and the construction of a competitiveness evaluation system demonstrate a robust empirical framework for analysis. The section effectively communicates the rationale behind the chosen methodology and its alignment with the research objectives. However, providing more detailed information on the specific indicators included in the competitiveness evaluation system would enhance clarity and transparency.</p> <p>Conclusion Evaluation:</p> <p>The conclusion effectively summarizes the key findings and contributions of the study. It reiterates the significance of the research in addressing the gap in understanding the relationship between environmental regulation and the competitiveness of the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry. The conclusion effectively underscores the potential implications of the study's findings for policymaking and strategic decision-making in both the pharmaceutical sector and the broader economy.</p>	
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Minor REVISION comments 1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?		
Optional/General comments	Overall Assessment: The manuscript presents a timely and relevant analysis of the relationship between environmental regulation and the competitiveness of China's pharmaceutical manufacturing industry. The study contributes valuable insights to both academic literature and policymaking discourse. However, refining the abstract for clarity, providing additional methodological details, and offering more specific policy recommendations would strengthen the overall quality and impact of the research.	

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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