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PART 1: Review Comments

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<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>	<p>The contributions of this manuscript to the scientific community is as follows: it affords a useful context for understanding tourism development interdisciplinary and its impacts on regional planning and poverty reduction, which are fundamental in sustainable development especially in the Third World countries like Langkat Regency. It is also important to acknowledge that the study employs Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) which provides methodological the study a methodological strength; as well as provides a strong, triangulated analysis of these variables. It remains distinctive that the manuscript considers positive and negative effects of tourism as the tool for combating poverty, which remains a topic that is often researched superficially. Nevertheless, a deeper examination of the reasons for the weak mediation effect of regional planning would take this research contribution to an even higher level for both policy-making events and the existing and subsequent academia in the same field.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The title of the article is appropriate.</p> <p>If you want to make the title more concise or slightly more focused, you could consider the alternative:</p> <p>"Tourism Development, Regional Planning, and Poverty Alleviation: Insights from Bukit Lawang and Tangkahan in Langkat Regency"</p> <p>This version retains all of the basic elements present in the original whilst giving them a slightly altered phrasing.</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>Suggestions for Improvement:</p> <p>Practical Implications: Major improvements that could be made to the abstract include the offering of a clearer statement about the research implications. You could include a sentence showing how the outcomes presented can be useful in the next regional planning or policy initiatives.</p> <p>Example: Taken together, the results indicate the necessity of increasing and diversifying support for infrastructure, as well as the inclusion of the target population in planning efforts aimed at increasing tourism's positive impact on poverty indicators.</p> <p>Clarification of Key Findings: Although this abstract remarks on the fact that while tourism development addressed regional planning, it did not address poverty alleviation, it might also have noted in quick form, why regional planning was unable to moderate the relationship between tourism and poverty decrease.</p> <p>Example: The study also observed that regional planning did not moderate tourism development and poverty reduction effectively, most probably because of present bureaucratic issues and skewed distribution of resources.</p> <p>Future Research Directions: Indeed, it looks logical to remind the need in future research in the course of the paper's recommendations section.</p> <p>Example: Therefore, future research should consider the purpose of including other variables, for instance, unemployment and social assistance in order to have better understanding of the potential factor that determines poverty reduction by means of tourism.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>Yes, the subsections of the manuscript and its general structure can be considered as rather good. This article is very easy to read as the flow is nice and clear, along with all items being where they should be. You've got all the right sections—it has an introduction, methodology, results, and discussion—so nothing is missing.</p> <p>That said, one tiny thing to consider: specifically for the Discussion section, it may be useful to refer to several previous studies more often. You've got the findings there but it would make even more sense if you pull in a lot more of the comparative analysis with what is in the literature. Other than that it seems fairly flush, it only needs a little fine tuning to be great.</p>	

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<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>	<p>The manuscript is scientifically valid and technically correct since the author uses the appropriate method, Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), to test the hypothesized model of the interconnection between TD, RP, and poverty reduction. This method enables researchers to go deeper into first order and second order effect and is quantitative and efficient. The subject of the study is consistent with the variables that have been defined, the size of the sample, and the method of data analysis, academic quantitative research. Besides, SmartPLS software is used in enhancing the precision of the analysis whilst the results obtained logically flows from the data hence making the manuscript scientifically.dropout empirical.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. :</p>	<p>Broadly, adequate references are made in the manuscript and these are both current and traditional in nature, as they pertain to tourism development, regional planning and poverty issues. However, though the manuscript provides references of some recent studies, a couple of more contemporary global studies or regional case studies that worked or did not work for poverty reduction through tourism in the last two to three years can enhance the literature review and discussion parts of the manuscript.</p> <p>It is also noteworthy that the authors should have included several more recent references of the year 2021-2023 in order to make the manuscript related to the current studies in the subject area more closely.</p>	
<p><u>Minor REVISION</u> comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language and English quality of the article are generally suitable for scholarly communication. Ensure correct punctuation, particularly the use of commas and periods, to improve the flow of the text.</p>	
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>	<p>Overall, the manuscript offers a valuable contribution to the understanding of the relationship between tourism development, regional planning, and poverty alleviation, particularly in the context of Bukit Lawang and Tangkahan in Langkat Regency.</p>	

PART 2:

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<p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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