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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Circular Economy and Supply Chain Governance: Ethical Sourcing and Supplier Accountability in Ghanaian Firms

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	✓			
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr.M.Devaki

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Reviewer Report

1. Overall Evaluation

The manuscript presents a well-structured and timely conceptual review on circular economy-aligned supply chain governance, with specific focus on ethical sourcing and supplier accountability in Ghanaian firms. The topic is highly relevant, especially for emerging economies where sustainability transitions face institutional and practical challenges. The paper demonstrates strong theoretical grounding, clear objectives, and a comprehensive synthesis of existing literature. Overall, the study makes a meaningful contribution to circular economy and supply chain governance literature from an African context.

2. Strengths of the Study

Strong relevance and originality: The study addresses an important research gap by focusing on circular economy governance in Ghana, a context that is underrepresented in existing literature.

Clear conceptual framework: The integration of ethical sourcing, supplier accountability, and circular economy orientation is logically developed and easy to follow.

Solid theoretical foundation: The use of stakeholder theory, institutional theory, resource-based view, and transition theory strengthens the conceptual depth of the paper.

Comprehensive literature review: The manuscript reviews recent and relevant studies, showing good command of current research.

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Clear practical and policy implications: The recommendations provided for policymakers and practitioners are relevant and grounded in the Ghanaian context.

Well-organized structure: Sections flow logically from introduction to implications, improving readability.

3. Areas for Improvement

Simplification of language: Some sections use complex academic language and long sentences. Simplifying the wording would improve clarity and accessibility for a wider audience.

Methodology explanation: Although the conceptual review approach is justified, the selection and reduction process of literature could be explained more briefly and clearly.

Conceptual model presentation: The proposed model is strong, but a clearer visual explanation or step-by-step interpretation would enhance understanding.

Balance in discussion: The discussion section could be slightly more concise by reducing repetition of literature already covered earlier.

Minor formatting and grammatical issues: Small typographical and referencing inconsistencies should be corrected before final submission.