

## REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-55937

**Title:** CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND SUPPLY CHAIN GOVERNANCE: ETHICAL SOURCING AND SUPPLIER ACCOUNTABILITY IN GHANAIAIAN FIRMS

### Recommendation:

Accept as it is .....

**Accept after minor revision.....YES.....**

Accept after major revision .....

Do not accept (*Reasons below*).....

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

Reviewer Name: Dr Nandini B

### Detailed Reviewer's Report

*This manuscript examines circular economy–aligned supply chain governance with a specific focus on ethical sourcing and supplier accountability in Ghanaian firms. The topic is relevant and timely, especially in light of increasing attention to ESG practices and circular economy transitions in emerging economies. The paper shows a high level of originality and makes a useful contribution by positioning the discussion within an African context, which is still underrepresented in the circular economy and supply chain governance literature. The theoretical grounding is solid, and the integration of stakeholder theory, institutional theory, and the resource-based view is appropriate for a conceptual study of this nature.*

*The paper is generally well written and logically organized; however, some minor improvements are required before publication. Certain sections, particularly the discussion and implications, are somewhat repetitive and could be tightened to improve clarity and flow. The conceptual model is meaningful, but the explanation of relationships between variables could be made clearer for the reader. In addition, the practical implications would benefit from being more explicitly differentiated for SMEs and larger firms.*

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*Overall, the manuscript is technically sound and contributes to the literature,  
and I recommend acceptance after minor revision.*