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| Journal Name:            | Asian Journal of Economics, Business and Accounting                                    |
| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_AJEBA_129499  |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Revisiting Environmental Kuznets Curve (EKC) and Renewable Energy Consumption in India |
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PART 1: Comments

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