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PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The manuscript is important to the research community in general and the tertiary education community in particular, especially as regards professional agricultural education. The independent program evaluations and stakeholder feedbacks will facilitate the emergence and/or consolidation of a quality assurance framework for CBSUA graduate programs. Many other universities will leverage the findings of this study to improve their graduate programs in order to meet requirements and worldwide academic standards.	Thank you for your positive comments and such will make up much or more indulge in research work for the discovery of new knowledge as well as its innovation for the betterment of myself as an academician and its impact to the stakeholders and community.
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Yes the title of the article is suitable.	I'm truly grateful for your thoughtful remarks.

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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.	Yes, the abstract of the article is comprehensive enough. However, key elements that shall subsequently be added as a consequence of this review, should be reflected in the abstract. Special attention should be paid to the methodology	Thank you for the comments and suggestions. I will try to improve the methodology. I added this statement: This study evaluated the graduate programs at Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA) through a mixed-methods research design that combined quantitative and qualitative methods.
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	The manuscript is scientifically correct however; a number of corrections need to be made to improve its quality: i) In addition to the overall aim or purpose of the study presented, the author should also present: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The main and specific research questions,The main and specific research objectives; especially as this is a thorough Mixed Methods Research design ii) Clarify which combination of the qualitative and quantitative strands of research were employed: exploratory / explanatory sequential, parallel or convergent design. Why the specific approach? iii) Which instruments were used for the qualitative strand of the mixed methods study and how they were they administered? iv) What sampling methods were used in the study, and the sample size for each phase / strand? v) Clearly state the different data sources used in the study and for each of the strands. See other comments in the uploaded version of the reviewed manuscript	Thank you for the valuable comments and suggestions. I will address it for the improvement of the manuscript. i) I added this statement: The study sought to answer the following questions: 1. What is the current status of CBSUA graduate programs in terms of: a) Enrollment trends? b) Graduate output? c) Faculty composition and qualifications? d) Accreditation levels? e) Institutional linkages? 2. What challenges are encountered in the implementation of graduate programs concerning: a) Program management? b) Faculty development and support? c) Student engagement and performance? d) Community involvement and impact? 3. What policy recommendations can be proposed to enhance and strengthen the quality, relevance, and effectiveness of the University's graduate programs? For items ii-v, I have incorporated the changes in the manuscript.
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	Yes, the references are sufficient; However, overall, they are not recent enough as about 43.3% of them are older than 10 years. The author should check and adjust.	This comment is noted however based on my research, there are only limited articles regarding agricultural graduate programs which are published. I find it challenging especially in the context of Philippine HEIs. Despite the relevance of this study, only limited studies are published. Also, the incorporation of references which are older than 10 years is important for creating the foundational aspects especially in the introduction and methodology section.
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The English quality of the article is very good and suitable for scholarly communication	
Optional/General comments	The manuscript is well written and articulated.	

PART 2:

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