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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Economics, Business and Accounting
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Title of the Manuscript:	Profitability Analysis of Women Entrepreneurs on Palm Oil Refinery in Kigoma Municipal, Tanzania
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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 provides valuable insights into the profitability analysis of women entrepreneurs in the palm oil refinery business in Kigoma, Tanzania. This research highlights critical socioeconomic and operational factors influencing profitability, which is essential for policymakers, development practitioners, and academicians aiming to support women-led enterprises in agribusiness. Moreover, it contributes to the literature on gendered entrepreneurship in developing economies.	Received with thanks
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title is appropriate, concise, and descriptive. It effectively communicates the study's focus on profitability and the demographic context of women entrepreneurs in the Kigoma region. No changes are recommended.	Received with thanks
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.	The abstract is comprehensive and effectively summarizes the study. However, for improved clarity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefly mention the policy implications derived from the findings. Explicitly state the study's contribution to addressing the gap in literature on gendered entrepreneurship. 	This paper recommends Small and Medium Enterprises (SME), policymakers, and practitioners to encourage women entrepreneurs to run their businesses for the long term by providing a variety of incentives and supports related to those internal and external factors.
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	The manuscript appears scientifically sound, with robust methodology and data analysis. However: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify any assumptions made in the regression model. Provide additional context regarding the limitations of the study. 	The choice of this multiple regression model is due to its structure, which is saturated with several variables that reflect the relationship, this is the value of the period error term, and the error term satisfies the assumptions of the Classical Linear Regression Model.
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are sufficient and include a mix of recent and relevant sources. If possible, include more recent studies (post-2020) to provide updated context.	Added references and up to date are; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gulvira, A., Ainash, M., Sagynysh, M., Meiramgul, A., & Aliya, K. (2024). The Impact of Female Entrepreneurship on Economic Growth in Developing and Developed Economies. Sobhan, N., & Hassan, A. (2024). The effect of institutional environment on entrepreneurship in emerging economies: female entrepreneurs in Bangladesh. <i>Journal of Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economies</i>, 16(1), 12-32. Mari, M., Poggesi, S., Abatecola, G., & Essers, C. (2024). Women entrepreneurs and innovation: Retrospect and prospect. <i>Journal of Innovation & Knowledge</i>, 9(3), 100519. Chikh-Amnache, Sabrina & Mekhzoumi, Lotfi. (2023). The Impact of Female Entrepreneurship on Eco-nomic Growth in the Asean Countries: A Panel MM-QR Approach. <i>Economics and Business</i>. 37, 37-49. http://dx.doi.org/10.2478/eb-2023-0003 Vracheva, V. & I. Stoyneva. (2020). Does Gender Equality Bridge or Buffer the Entrepreneurship Gen-der Gap? A Cross-Country Investigation. <i>International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behavior & Research</i>, 26(8), 1827-1844. https://doi.org/10.1108/IJEBR-03-2020-0144. Franzke, S., Wu, J., Froese, F. J., & Chan, Z. X. (2022). Female

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		<p>entrepreneurship in Asia: A critical re-view and future directions. <i>Asian Business & Management</i>, 21(3), 343–372. https://doi.org/10.1057/s41291-022-00186-2</p> <p>7. Burga, L., Gimelli, N., Muradyan, S., Robakowski, A., Miller, M., Rawlins, M., & Snyder, G. (2021). Using digital solutions to address barriers to female entrepreneurship: A toolkit. Washington: The World Bank. https://doi.org/10.1596/35993</p> <p>8. Al-Qahtani, M., Zguir, M., Ari, I., & Koç, M. (2022). Female entrepreneurship for sustainable economy and development – challenges, drivers, and suggested policies for resource-rich countries. <i>Sustainability</i>, 14(20). https://doi.org/10.3390/su142013412</p>
<p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language is clear but can benefit from minor grammatical revisions to enhance readability. For instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise sentence structures in the abstract and conclusion for conciseness. • Ensure consistent use of tense throughout the manuscript. 	<p>Has been revised</p>
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Highlight innovative approaches or methodologies employed in the study.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Expand on the implications for local and national policy, especially in supporting women entrepreneurs.</p> <p>Clarify the alignment of study objectives with the broader research problem. Suggest integrating the findings into a global context to enhance the manuscript's impact.</p> <p>Suggest minor revisions to improve the clarity and depth of the discussion.</p> <p>The manuscript presents a detailed analysis of the profitability of women entrepreneurs in the palm oil refinery sector in Kigoma Municipal, Tanzania. The study is well-structured and highlights critical variables influencing profitability, such as labor costs, refinery charges, and education level. The findings offer valuable insights for supporting women-led enterprises in agribusiness, addressing both economic and social challenges.</p> <p>To improve the manuscript further:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide more detail about how specific variables were measured or categorized (e.g., "costs of refinery process" and "transportation costs"). This will enhance reproducibility. 2. Expand the discussion to connect the findings to global trends in women entrepreneurship and oil palm production. Compare your results with similar studies in other regions to provide a broader perspective. 3. Address minor language issues for better readability. Consider professional editing to ensure the manuscript meets scholarly communication standards. 4. Elaborate on how the findings can directly influence policy-making to support women entrepreneurs, particularly in the context of the Kigoma region and Tanzania's broader economic goals. <p>Overall, the manuscript has significant potential to contribute to the literature on women entrepreneurship and agribusiness profitability.</p>	<p>✓ In the current study, adapted the scales (quantitative approach) of the constructs.</p> <p>✓ Policy Implication - The study will provide the implications to LGA and SMEs to give guidelines to policymakers and particularly support the institution to Agricultural Sector Development Program (ASDP) Phase II prioritizes oil seed crops, including palm oil, and seeks a reduction of 50% on palm oil importation (URT, 2017). The sector should also be covered by the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) framework, Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT), Kilimo Kwanza Resolve, and Agricultural Policy (2012).</p> <p>✓ Proof reading has been done</p> <p>✓ Elaboration of finding results</p>

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