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#### PART 1: Comments

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<b>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.</b>	This manuscript is important because it addresses the critical relationship between self-esteem and academic achievement, providing insights into the psychological factors influencing students' academic performance. By focusing on senior secondary school students in North-Central Nigeria, it contributes to the understanding of this dynamic in a region where cultural, socio-economic, and educational contexts are distinct and underrepresented in global research. The findings have the potential to inform educational policies, intervention programs, and strategies aimed at improving students' self-esteem and academic outcomes. Furthermore, this study can inspire similar research in other geographical regions for comparative analyses.	Thank you for your valuable comments.
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>	The title is descriptive and reflects the core focus of the study. However, it could be refined for brevity and impact.	Thank you.
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<b>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</b>	Although the manuscript is scientifically correct in terms of its research design, data analysis, and presentation of findings, it lacks a strong theoretical connection. The study would be more robust and impactful if it were grounded in a relevant psychological or educational theory, such as Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, Self-Determination Theory, or Bandura's Self-Efficacy Theory. Incorporating a theoretical framework would provide a deeper context for the research, enhance the interpretation of results, and link the findings to broader academic discourse. It is recommended that the authors explicitly align their study with an appropriate theoretical foundation to strengthen its scientific merit. Secondly, the study variables are diversely defined, operational definition of variables seems to be mandatory in such diverse phenomenon under study.	Thank you. Your suggestion has been noted.
<b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b>	Most of the citations are not according to APA-7 <sup>th</sup> . Few highlighted with comments added in manuscript file	Noted.
<b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b>	The language is clear, precise, and suitable for scholarly communication.	Thank you.
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	The manuscript appears to address an important topic with practical implications. However, careful attention should be given to formatting especially citations and referencing, table titles and numbers, relevant theoretical background.  Based on the provided guidelines and the issues identified, a score of 7.5 would be appropriate. This reflects that the manuscript has significant potential but requires revisions, particularly in addressing theoretical grounding, ethical clarity, citation, references, table notes (Upper/ Lower Case reconsideration)	Noted.

#### PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<u><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></u>	