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| Journal Name: | [**Asian Journal of Education and Social Studies**](https://journalajess.com/index.php/AJESS) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_AJESS\_134123** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Correlation Analysis: ICT Tools Integration in Teaching, Learning and Perceived Student Performance Among College Students in the Municipality of Bansalan** |
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| **PART 1: Comments** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment**  **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **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.** | This manuscript offers valuable insights into the integration of ICT tools in the teaching- learning process, particularly in a rural educational setting. The findings emphasize the significance of addressing technological gaps in higher education institutions and their impact on students' academic performance. The study contributes to the discourse on the digital divide and supports the implementation of equitable technology policies. This is especially important for educational policymakers, school administrators, and practitioners working to foster  inclusive digital learning environments. | Thank you for stating the significance of the study. |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Yes, the title is suitable and accurately reflects the content and scope of the study. | Okay, thank you. |
| **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 generally comprehensive but could benefit from minor language refinement for clarity. The inclusion of specific statistical results (e.g., correlation coefficient) is commendable. It is suggested to slightly reduce redundancy and clarify the research location and timeframe in one concise sentence. | Noted and corrected. |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write**  **here.** | Yes, the manuscript is scientifically sound. The research design, theoretical framework, data analysis (including Pearson’s r and regression), and interpretation of results are appropriately applied. The use of both descriptive and inferential statistics strengthens the validity of the  findings. However, the conceptual framework figure needs to be cleaned up for better visual coherence. | Thank you for the appreciation. |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | Yes, the references are relevant and include a mix of foundational and recent studies. A few more current references (post-2020) on ICT in higher education during or post-COVID-19 could further enrich the context. | Noted and added. |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | The article would benefit from a thorough language and grammar check. Some portions, especially in the abstract and introduction, have long, complex, or repetitive sentences that affect clarity. Revising for conciseness and academic tone will greatly enhance readability. | Noted and grammatical errors corrected. |
| **Optional/General** comments | * The scatter plot and tables are informative, but the conceptual framework figure is cluttered—suggest redesigning it more clearly with properly labeled constructs. * The **discussion section** could benefit from stronger comparisons with previous literature. * It would be useful to include a brief limitations section and recommendations for future research.   Minor revision suggested mainly for language improvement and figure clarity**.**  Recommendation: Minor Revision | Thank you for providing the suggestions for improvement. |

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| **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)* |  |