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| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_AJL2C\_138352** |
| Title of the Manuscript:  | **Small Words, Big Meaning: Pragmatic Roles of Cebuano Discourse Particles a and aw** |
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## PART 1: Review Comments

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|  | 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. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | An interesting topic that seeks to to explore the pragmatic functions of some particles. The paper has attempted to describe different layers of meanings of some particles that seem simple but full of meanings. A relevant investigation that highlights an important aspect of communication   |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?****(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The title may be reshaped as:Exploring Small Words with Deep Meanings: Pragmatic Roles of Cebuano Discourse Particles a and aw |  |
| 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 needs to be further edited because it is uselessly too long (435 words) and does not conform to the standard format of abstract: the author has highlighted in bold the **Aims, Study design, Place and Duration of Study, Methodology, Results, Conclusion.** Actually,an abstract is written in only one paragraph of 250 words maximum without any heading nor sub-heading and includes the following the key points such as: * The reason(s) for the choice of the topic,
* The research objective(s),
* The research theory,
* The research method(s),
* The main findings.
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| **Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?** | The subsections and structure of the manuscript are to some extent appropriate as the paper covers all the key sections and subsections required for a good scientific paper. Nevertheless, the researcher needs to further edit the introduction. Actually, a good introduction consists of key elements namely:* a relevant preamble (that is missing in this work),
* problem statement,
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* a brief account of the theory,
* the objectives,
* the research questions (that is missing in this work),
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| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.****-** | The references need to be improved following APA format: the second line of each entry should be indented. |  |
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* size: 12
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