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**PART 1: 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** (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 addresses the critical intersection of urban agriculture, food security, and sustainability in Ghanaian cities, making a significant contribution to the scientific community by highlighting innovative strategies for addressing urban food insecurity. It provides a comprehensive analysis of the role of urban agriculture amid rapid urbanization, which is increasingly relevant in the context of global challenges such as climate change and economic instability. By synthesizing current literature and presenting empirical findings, this study not only informs policymakers but also enriches academic discourse on sustainable urban development. | Comments Accepted |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The title "Assessing the Effects of Urban Agriculture on Food Security and Sustainability in Ghanaian Cities" is suitable, as it accurately reflects the content and focus of the manuscript. However, a more engaging title could be: "Urban Agriculture as a Catalyst for Food Security and Sustainability in Ghana's Rapidly Urbanizing Cities." | Comments accepted, and the topic has been modified |
| **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, covering key elements such as the significance of urban agriculture, thematic areas of assessment, findings, and recommendations. However, it could benefit from a brief mention of specific methodologies used in the study to provide clarity on how conclusions were drawn. | Comments accepted and have been revised |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | The manuscript appears to be scientifically correct, with well-supported claims and appropriate references to existing literature. The systematic literature review methodology is robust, ensuring the validity of the findings. | Comments accepted |
| **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 largely recent, spanning from 2000 to 2024. To enhance the manuscript, consider including more recent studies on urban agriculture or relevant policy frameworks from other countries that might offer comparative insights. | Comments accepted, but the prescribed word limit does not allow us to explore |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | The language and English quality of the article are suitable for scholarly communication. The writing is clear, coherent, and appropriately academic in tone. | Comments accepted |
| **Optional/General** comments | The manuscript provides valuable insights and practical recommendations for integrating urban agriculture into urban planning, which could benefit both local governments and communities. | Comments accepted |

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