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| **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.** | Importance of the Manuscript for the Scientific Community\*\*     This manuscript provides valuable empirical evidence on the role of agriculture in regional economic growth, specifically in Langkat Regency, Indonesia. By combining Location Quotient (LQ) analysis and multiple linear regression, the study offers a robust methodological framework for assessing sectoral dominance and economic contributions. The findings are highly relevant for policymakers and researchers focusing on decentralized economies, agrarian regions, and sustainable development. The study also bridges a gap in sub-national economic literature, offering actionable insights for similar regions in Indonesia and beyond. | NOTED |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The title is appropriate and clearly reflects the study's focus. However, to enhance specificity, consider:     "Agricultural Sector as a Driver of Regional Economic Growth: Evidence from GRDP and Location Quotient Analysis in Langkat Regency, Indonesia (2019–2023)" | REVISED |
| 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 well-structured but could briefly mention the policy implications derived from the findings. For example, add:     "The study recommends targeted policies for agricultural modernization, infrastructure investment, and risk mitigation to sustain growth." | OK |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | The manuscript is scientifically sound, with clear hypotheses, robust methodologies (LQ and regression), and thorough diagnostic tests (e.g., multicollinearity, heteroscedasticity). The results align with theoretical expectations and prior literature, such as Rajagukguk (2021) and Sofilda et al. (2023). | NOTED |
| **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 recent, covering key studies on agricultural economics and regional growth. Consider adding:     - Timmer, C. P. (2009). A World Without Agriculture: The Structural Transformation in Historical Perspective. AEI Press.     - Dixon, J., et al. (2001). Farming Systems and Poverty: Improving Farmers’ Livelihoods in a Changing World. FAO/World Bank. | OK |
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