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PART 1: Review Comments

	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>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	The paper investigates risk, risk mitigation strategies and performance measures for pineapple supply chain in Ghana for improving the efficiency of the chain. They collected data from 10 different types of businesses embedded at different nodes of the pineapple supply chain. I suggest that the authors address the following points. - They should justify using the same mitigation strategies for all types of businesses since they have pooled data from all business types without any differentiation. What assumptions, if any, are they making? It needs to be explained. - The authors should explain why they reported the results/findings in the current form. Why did they avoid using hypotheses and then discuss their validation or not by the analysis of data? - There is no information about the questionnaire. Is it possible to attach it to	(a) Thank you for your comment. The risk mitigation strategies employed to investigate their impact on the performance of the pineapple supply firms are among the worldly acceptable risk mitigation strategies being used in industrial set ups irrespective of the business nature. Therefore, we concluded to evaluate them across the different business set up operating in the pineapple supply chain. Literature review as well the views of experts in the field of risk management support the mitigation strategies studied in this paper. (b) Thank you for your valuable comment. The aim of the paper is to investigate the impact of risk mitigation strategies employed in the pineapple supply chain in Ghana. To achieve this, sets of hypotheses were tested using ordinary least square regression. The hypotheses were mistakenly left out of the manuscript when we were formatting the manuscript to suit the journals' templet. The hypotheses have been inserted into the manuscript now. Actually, it would have been useless on our part to employ OLS regression without testing any hypotheses. It was a complete oversight.



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	the document or give reference if it is available?	(c) Thank you for your comment. We presented the stages of the questionnaire in the section two (2) of the manuscript. However, the breakdown of the risk measured has been attached as appendix.
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<u>Optional/General</u> comments		