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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                     | 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)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | <p>This study has attempted to provide the basic understanding of the influences of entrepreneurial farming in Bhutan. Following comments are given to improve the quality of this study.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Line between 34 to 39: The study is suggested to provide the clear link between semi-commercial farming and entrepreneurial farming. The study has indicated the emerging of semi-commercial farming, however, the study was unable to explain the connection between semi-commercial farming and entrepreneurial farming.</li> <li>2. Line 68 – 72: The study was not clearly emphasised how emerging employment opportunities in non-agricultural sector influences farming decision decisions towards entrepreneurial farming.</li> <li>3. Line 310: The study is suggested to provide future study directions based on the basic discussion generated. It is more value-added to the study if it directs future research opportunities from this study area; i.e. entrepreneurial farming.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The entrepreneurial farming in this study refers production of crops, livestock, and forest products for commercial purposes. Therefore, the term semi-commercial is removed from the entire document to avoid misunderstanding and entrepreneurial farming is defined.<br/><br/> <p>With continuous support from the Royal government of Bhutan (RGoB), amongst others, agriculture development is one area experiencing a transformation from peasants to entrepreneurial farmers. The entrepreneurial farming in this study refers to crops, livestock, and forest-related productions for the commercial purposes.</p> </li> <li>2. A brief statement is presented in the first paragraph of 2.1 Urbanization, sentence is reframed to show the relationship between non-agriculture sector employment and entrepreneurial farming.<br/> <p>For instance, despite more than half of the country's population employed in the agriculture sector (2), better employment opportunities in non-agriculture sectors in the urban areas are on the rise with 34.2 % in the service sector and 8.7 % in the industry sectors (6), causing rural-urban migration. Further, rural-urban migration is a double-edged sword affecting agriculture farming from both rural and urban areas (7, 8).</p> <p>Note: refer article for detail description</p> </li> <li>3. Author added the limitations and recommendations for future research opportunities in the last part of conclusion as given below:<br/><br/> <p>Despite the importance of studies on Bhutan's agriculture transformation, there is inadequate documentation on it. To the best of the author's knowledge, much of the studies on Bhutan's agriculture, facts, and figures are in disarray. One can aggregate them to effectively interpret the agriculture transformation. The scarcity of holistic and systematic review motivated the author to explore this topic.</p> </li> </ol> |



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| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments   | <p>4. Line 153: After fallowing?? (Following)</p> <p>5. Figure 2: Indicate the source</p> | <p>4. Author changed the sentence making it clear.<br/>After leaving the land unused for about a decade or more, farmers return to the abandoned land and the cycle continues (31).</p> <p>5. Indicated the source as developed by author as follows:<br/>Figure 1. Components of agriculture transformation in Bhutan (developed by the author)</p> |
| <b>Optional/General</b> comments | <p>6. The study is suggested to exercise proofreading.</p>                                | <p>Author did proofreading and made necessary corrections. Without addition or deletion of any important points, author edited some sentences and grammatical errors. More, proofreading will be done once more once article is put into format by the editorial team.</p>                                                                           |