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	- Lot of statements require references There are lacks of references in this manuscript. Most of the statements made should or could be supported by a reference or even multiple references like the following paragraph: Lines from 25 to 28: <i>“Smallholder farmers who produce on subsistent basis on the other hand tend to dominate the farming population with about 80% of total agricultural production. These farmers produce crops such as cocoa, maize, rice, yam and cassava. The most unfortunate news is that, about 70% of the lands used for the cultivation of these crops are 3 hectares (ha) or smaller in size.”</i> Further, cited material needs to be engaged with in a critical way it cannot simply be copied, and it must be referenced. Unfortunately, your paper has not met this standard. Lines 18-19 “Agriculture sector contributes 25.6% to Ghana’s GDP after the Services and Industrial sectors, and is the most important sector driving Ghana’s economic growth.” Are copy paste from Kuwornu, J. K., Amoah, E., & Seini, W. (2013). Technical efficiency analysis of maize farmers in the Eastern Region of Ghana. <i>Journal of Social and Development Sciences</i>, 4(2), 84. Lines 20-24 “That is why in 2003, African Heads of State and Government adopted an Africa-owned and led initiative, namely the Comprehensive Africa	
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