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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)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>This paper tries to study how Sri Lankan tea industry has been contributing towards the SDGs and how its practices enable to enhance its sustainable future. It uses surveys of 10 tea companies managers for the analysis.</p> <p>The topic is interesting and the whole paper is well written and organized.</p> <p>But it has the following problems:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) The sample of 10 managers is generally too few. If it is a kind of case study, only one case is needed but it needs to conduct more detailed and comprehensive analyses;</li><li>(2) The samples are used; then it needs to compare its similarities and differences in order to draw conclusions or calculate its averages and standard deviations of all relevant variables/questions/issues to draw meaningful conclusions;</li><li>(3) How important this tea industry in Sri Lankan's economy should be briefly discussed, such as how many employees and its total GDP along with its relevant %s in the whole economy;</li><li>(4) The Abstract is too long;</li><li>(5) The Keywords are mostly inappropriate and need to be changed. Please read published articles for guidance.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) The population of this study includes all the tea plantation companies in Sri Lanka. In order to obtain the desired sample size for the interview, the tea plantation companies that are registered on the Colombo Stock Exchange in Sri Lanka were considered. Because of the high cost of implementing the UN SDGs, it is not practical to implement the SDGs for small and medium-sized tea plantation companies. And in Sri Lanka, there are only a few registered tea plantation companies operating. Most of the tea plantation companies are not public listed companies (PLC). So, accordingly, 10 tea plantation companies I selected as the sample.</li><li>(2) When it comes to a conclusion, I expressed the conclusion based on the idea of the majority. So, according to the interviewees' ideas, I discovered that the majority of them agreed that SDGs will help them become a more sustainable company in the future. So, in the conclusion, I expressed that idea.</li><li>(3) To show the contribution of the tea sector to the Sri Lankan economy, I included the export earnings and employment rates in the tea sector according to the Central Bank Report, 2020.</li><li>(4) Now I summarized the abstract by cutting unwanted sentences.</li><li>(5) Keywords are changed appropriately.</li></ol>
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<p>The qualitative analysis can be numerical, i.e. using some #s to demonstrate relevant issues, etc.</p>	<p>I tried to get the numeric values when doing the interview, and I believed I could use those values when doing analysis. However, most of the tea plantation companies do not much like to provide information in numeric forms (Eg. Amount that granted to contribute SDGs)</p>
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	<p>No.</p>	

### PART 2:

	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)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<p><u>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</u></p>	