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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>1. References: Need to be latest from the duration of 5 years from 2018 to 2022.</p> <p>2. Introduction:</p> <p>a. Justify a clear problem statement for logistics industry issues in the current industry practice in Malaysia.</p> <p>b. Justify and elaborate how green logistics encounter and overcome the issues or problems faced by the logistics industry based on the problem statement.</p> <p>c. Justify how green logistics policies will benefit Malaysia with strong evidence to prove it.</p> <p>d. Define and elaborate the importance of 3PLs in Malaysia context with current evidence to prove it. Not from (Mustaffa & Potter, 2009) which is not the current trend and outdated reference.</p> <p>e. A strong conclusion statement needs to be a structure that justifies “the influence of Innovative logistics practices on the performance and operations of third-party logistics service providers in Malaysia”.</p> <p>3. Literature Review:</p> <p>a. Clear justification and elaboration with proof are needed for the performance of a green supply chain and third-party logistics (3PL) service provider.</p> <p>b. Define and elaborate logistics performance management that indicates green supply chain management towards this research context that shows a clear relationship within them.</p> <p>c. There is no Theoretical Framework been mentioned as the fundamental groundwork to create a conceptual model for this study. Need to add a Theoretical Framework accordingly to develop a model.</p> <p>d. There is no Conceptual Model or Framework been justified for the IV, DV, and moderating factors that state the relationship in developing and constructing a model for investigating the innovative logistics practices relationship with the operations of third-party logistics service providers in Malaysia. Need to add Conceptual Model or Framework accordingly to design and develop a model.</p> <p>4. Methodology:</p> <p>a. Elaborated and justified what type of survey method has been used and carried out throughout this research.</p> <p>b. Elaborated and justified what type of sampling procedure been executed throughout this research.</p> <p>c. Justify how MS ISO 14001 (EMS) certified organizations have been chosen as the sample for this study with strong evidence to prove it.</p> <p>5. Results and Discussion:</p> <p>a. There is no justification for the ownership types, years of operation, and annual revenue based on the demographic profile. A clear elaboration is needed for this section based on Demographic Table.</p>	

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	<p>b. There is no identification of IV, DV, and moderating variables that indicate the mean and standard deviation. No proper model shows the indicators for the resulting outcome in LR. Refine this section accordingly.</p> <p>c. A proper Figure shows the model is required.</p> <p>d. A clear mean and standard deviation referring to the model is required.</p> <p>e. There is no internal consistency value showing IV, DV, and moderating factors, what are the Cronbach alpha values for all the variables. Need to add Reliability analysis accordingly to show the outcomes of the variables properly.</p> <p>6. Conclusion:</p> <p>a. Clear justification and prove that “The outcome showed that innovative green logistics serve as a moderating factor in the relationship between 3PLs service provider’s key performance factors and green logistics in the Manufacturing industry of Malaysia. Hence, it fulfills one of the key economic growth activities or operations under strategic thrust 2 of SPV2030.”</p> <p>b. No justification variables in the LR for “the influence of the four independent variables (transportation, warehousing, packaging and inventory management) are essential in creating a positive impact on third-party logistics service performance, which consists of service, operation, and financial performance.”. Refine and restructure the conclusion accordingly.</p> <p>c. No justification variables in the LR for “the role of innovation in green logistics as a moderating effect is important in creating alignment between those independent variables and third-party logistics service performance to ensure logistic and supply chain procurement function stays in tag with purchasers and objective.”. Refine and restructure the conclusion accordingly.</p> <p>d. Elaboration and justification are needed based on the outcomes “This research study indicates that there is a connection between several relationships of innovative green logistics service dimensions and the level of performance for the relationship. The findings can offer support for the value of relationship of innovative green logistics within third-party logistics industry practices.” and prove it based on the outcomes of this study.</p> <p>e. Strong justification and proof needed to classify “This research study may also reveal that innovation in green logistics in the area of environmental sustainability and strategic management plays a major role in 3PL performance in Malaysia.”. Refine and restructure accordingly based on the outcomes of the study.</p> <p>f. There is no framework justification or figure provided in LR “The framework of this study was designed based on the existing literature reviewed hence, the constructs such as transportation, warehousing, packaging and inventory management and innovation in green management influence were proved.” and elaborate the variables accordingly and conclude the finalize model based on the findings.</p>	
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Minor REVISION comments	<p>1. Abstract:</p> <p>Introduction: In the contemporary business global sphere, it is so problematic, if not impossible, for a organization to be competitive deprived of working in alliance, closely with external associates. The idea of Supply Chain management, (SCM), arose in this track and strives to optimally manage the physical goods and/or services. Logistics is the key competitive factor in the manufacturing sector because of the innovative models' variants and options.</p> <p>Problem Statement: Based on the increasing logistics benefits, the importance of the assessment of logistics efficiency and impact is attracting increased consideration. Green Logistics (GL) involves not only the delivery of green products or services to customers, but also the inclusive logistics flow of items from cradle to grave, and this is in addition to reverse logistics. Numerous green events and operations have been instigated, such as manufacture scheduling and network construction.</p> <p>Objective: This article aimed at investigating the innovative logistics practices relationship with the operations of third-party logistics service providers in Malaysia.</p> <p>Methods: To achieve this, the study engages a structured questionnaire survey. 256 questionnaire was retrieved out of 333 questionnaires distributed electronically and 27 questionnaires were rejected based on some parallel errors and 229 questionnaires was eventually analyzed. This is 69% of the questionnaire. In the analysis, SPSS version 20 was utilized.</p> <p>Results and Findings: The internal consistency value of the IV, DV, and moderating factor need to be stated and justify its Cronbach value. How you justify and prove that “The outcome showed that innovative green logistics serve as a moderating factor in the relationship between 3PLs service provider’s key performance factors and green logistics in the Manufacturing industry of Malaysia. Hence, it fulfills one of the key economic growth activities or operations under strategic thrust 2 of SPV2030.” A clear statement with proof needs to be justified for novelty contribution.</p> <p>2. Proofreading needs to be done for clear sentences and grammatical errors throughout the manuscript.</p> <p>3. All Abbreviations need to be stated clearly throughout the manuscript and re-check accordingly.</p>	
Optional/General comments	<p>1. Refine and restructure the article for clear novelty that shows the valuable findings from the study and creates a better understanding of the readers' perspectives.</p>	

PART 2:

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

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