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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>The author should remove the statistics from the abstract. The motivation of the paper is not clear.</p> <p>Furthermore, a deductive research should have a theoretical (theory) foundation. There is no theory underpinning the paper.</p> <p>Re-write the research objectives using to examine or to analyse.</p> <p>The use of 5-Point Likert scale ranging from 1= strongly disagree to 5 = strongly agree does not allow you to use some inferential statistics including regression, correlation etc. It is inappropriate to use binomial analysis, and exploratory factor analysis for a categorical data. For such data, you could only use descriptive statistics except means.</p> <p>The literature review only defined concepts and did not critique, analyse and look for gaps in previous studies.</p> <p>The combination of probabilistic and non-probabilistic sampling procedures when there is no definition of population is problematic. The whole methodology section of the paper must be re-written. It is inappropriate.</p>	<p>The 86.1% has been removed from the abstract</p> <p>The motivation for this paper was unambiguously stated as follows:</p> <p><i>Ghana's economy is dominated by a large informal sector i.e. about 86.1%, and studies have shown that majority of informal sector workers work under bad working conditions, and earn low remuneration culminating into high social insecurity especially during their old age. This paper sought to find out if government, institutional and market-oriented failures deter rational individuals and households from participating in a pension scheme by examining the level of awareness among informal sector workers when it comes to the existing third tier pension scheme, and to investigate if informal sector workers employ other means of social protection</i></p> <p><i>The adoption of probabilistic sampling was clearly explained, and the use of constant distance approach which was done to enhance the systematic distribution of the sampling units was adapted from</i> Adedibu, A.A. and Jelili, M.O. (2011)</p> <p>Secondly, it was not feasible to apply a probabilistic sampling procedure in the market which has a high conglomeration of informal sector workers, thus convenient sampling which is non-probabilistic procedure was the most feasible approach in this area.</p>
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	There is the need to read to improve the English language.	It is certainly vague to make this assertion, the best option ought to be indications of where you think there is need for adjustment. Thanks
<b>Optional/General</b> comments		

**Comment [MOU1]:** This study's design was descriptive and this was clearly stated in the methodology and not deductive.

**Comment [MOU2]:** The Binomial test adopted in this study is a non-parametric inferential statistic and should not be confused with the binomial logistic regression analysis

<http://academic.udayton.edu/gregelvers/psy216/SPSS/nominaldata.htm>

**Comment [MOU3]:** [www.qualtrics.com/experience-management/research/factor-analysis/](http://www.qualtrics.com/experience-management/research/factor-analysis/). Please factor analysis is a dimension reduction technique and its applicable to Likert-scale data if the aim is for dimensionality with a view towards establishing the salient underlying constructs.

Exploratory factor analysis (EFA) is appropriate (psychometrically and otherwise) for examining the extent to which one may explain correlations among multiple items by inferring the common influence of (an) unmeasured (i.e., latent) factor(s)

<https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/2374/factor-analysis-of-questionnaires-composed-of-likert-items>

**Comment [MOU4]:** Strongly disagree with the views regarding the re-writing of the methodology of this study.

**PART 2:**

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