

RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS COMMENTS

Reviewer 1

No	Reviewers Comment	Author's Response
1	Introduction needs improvement: Trend analysis of production or contribution of small holder farmers in agriculture is lacking hence the paper assumed the what may be right without proof.	Contribution of smallholder farmers are briefly stated in the introduction.
2	Specific efforts of FASDEP II in improving agriculture and information to farmers need to be discussed. Modes of operation of ABCs needs to be presented	The present study makes reference to FASDEP II to highlight the developmental efforts by Ghana to boost agriculture and how the policy ensures market participation. However, efforts by the policy to enhance m A brief summary of their activities are highlighted. However, the ABCs are not the subject of discussion.
3	Under methodology: state why truncated regression is appropriate i.e. why the choice not because others used it by what can the regression do that is relevant to your objective and other regression cannot do.	The reason is stated in the methodology. Kindly refer.
4	Variables Access to Extension agent is poorly measures it supposed to be in frequency. 'Land ownership status (Lansta)' is not necessary as it may mask the effect of the more relevant variable 'Access to farm land (Lanaces)' which will actually affect production and sales, 'Access to informal market' which is a major variable is vaguely measured as in the era of ict and market dynamics dummy variable can nothing to capture the changes and adjustment of market situations you argued for in the introduction. Frequency of calls or average number of contact eg in a month is a better measure.	The data on frequency is missing. On the average the number of extension contacts per farmer is less than 1 so using the frequency will be erroneous. However, it is a limitation of the study The ownership takes into consideration the security of the land which is very important for accessing credit. Land can serve as a collateral. Majority of farm household receive their information from extension agents, friends and families and also through farmer based organization. This is based on empirical fact. ICT is not yet been fully adopted and utilized by farmers. The study intends to investigate which of the sources really affects market participation. Future studies can look at the role of ICT and the suggested measurement.