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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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	In this manuscript, author should make a revise literature section again. Author can add new literature here.	The literature review has been revised in the updated version of the article.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	In this context, "Table 2 Seven-year mean thresholds for assessing export performance" was given. And, this table, developed by author. In my opinion, Is this table valid all studies?. Author should check the other studies about this subject.	I have checked some of the studies on the concept and have made relevant justifications in the revised work. In response to the validity of the thresholds for all studies, my answer is yes as long as assessment is restricted to sectorial performance (as done in this work and not across several sectors) and the definitions for the measures of competitiveness are consistent with those in this article. Having been applied across seven food groups for Ghana in the current study, these thresholds have as well been used in an ongoing work on cotton lint export performance across 12 major exporters worldwide and it captures competitiveness and inefficiencies so well. The thresholds were not just randomly selected, but were set at the respective upper and lower bounds after several rotations for robustness. This is to ensure that no minor changes in the cardinal measures (figures within respective thresholds) would lead to movement of a country from a lower export performance level to a higher export performance, but rather to move from a lower to a higher level would require reduction of existing inefficiencies in the export market of a



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		given commodity, improvement in trade environment and minimization of distortionary measures which according to Vollrath (1989) reduce competitiveness.
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