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Response: Thank you very much for your comment**.** I am not the native English person so I used the English Editing from MDPI's services after the reviews of the paper. I hope that you will accept the paper for the publication. You can see the certificate as follows:

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Factors Affecting Environmental Pollution for Sustainability Development Goals—Evidence from the Asia Countries

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has undergone English language editing by MDPI. The text has been checked for correct use of grammar and common technical terms, and edited to a level suitable for reporting research in a scholarly journal.
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Comments and Suggestions for Authors

This paper is relatively complete and addresses a relevant theme for practice. The paper offers a set of analytical tools for factors affecting environmental pollution for SDGs. This paper aims to identify the factors affecting environmental pollution in Asia countries for sustainability development. The paper's topic and research question are relevant to sustainability journal readers. The authors explain the research questions clearly and the findings are also presented. However, I have some reservations. Most importantly, the current literature review on the factors affecting environmental pollution for SDGs in similar region is rather narrow. Some discussions should be made around the research model. In particular, the authors need to deepen empirical support and policy enlightenment on the analysis of local development initiatives environmental pollution for SDGs. Specific recommendations are as follows.

1. The abstract needs to refine the research conclusions according to the research results.

Response to points 1: thank you very much for your comments. I already refine the research conclusions. I added the conclusions in the abstract. You can see in the revised paper.

2. Research Methods. What are the problems solved by each model and the relationship between them. Analytical Model for the Cobb-Douglas as equation - Some discussions should be made around the research model, and discuss the applicability or applicable conditions of the model.

Response to points 2: thank you very much for your comments. I referred some model in the red words in the method section. We use the Cobb- Douglas as equation because it is very easy to apply with the OLS. Also, we use this method can explain the determinants of CO2 emissions in 15 Asia countries. You can see more detail in the revised paper.

3. Data Sources. A table description is required.

Response to points 3: thank you very much for your comments. We use the data collected from the World Bank of 15 Asia countries from 2000 to 2020. We collected it to the Excel files. We also import it to Stata 17.0, these results helped us to analysis. I send the pdf data by the email in the attached files.

4. Figure 2. Description analysis of the variables definitely requires further development – the source is not clear. Please supply the documentary evidence of the calculation basis. The time interval should preferably be equidistant.

Response to points 4: thank you very much for the comments. We collected the data of 15 Asia countries based on the Word Bank data. We would like to collect from 2000- 2022, however the World Bank just updated to data of 15 Asia Countries to 2020 so we lack the information in 2021 and 2022. We send the pdf Excel files to evidence for this issue.

5. Line 340-353. What is the problem oriented CO2 emissions policy area embodied? It is suggested to add explain.

Response to points 5: thank you very much for your useful comments. I already add the CO2 policy in the revised paper. You can see in the red words of the conclusions.

6. In conclusions and recommendations remarks, this paper has some limitations such as the authors don't refer the impacts of FDI, economic growth, innovations and forest area. Conclusion part requires further development especially according to recommendations.

Response to points 6: thank you very much for your comments. The limitations of the paper are occurred, because we lack the information about these issues. We hope that we can develop the research in the future.