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Response to Reviewer 1's feedback

The author would like to thank the reviewers for their valuable feedback on the first draft of this chapter. This current draft has now been revised (as indicated in the texts highlighted in yellow in the entire document) in relation to the feedback provided, which, hopefully, satisfactorily addresses the comments. The summary is presented in the ensuing table.

No.	Comment	Response
1	**Review of literature:** a) There were a few in-text citations which were not captured in the list of references. A list of these citations is attached to the annotated report. Candidate needs to crosscheck a few of the references to ensure that they harmonies with the in-text citations. b) Comments on annotated report	a) All in-text citations checked against the list of references, and updates made as follows: ○ All in-text citations found in the list of references highlighted in RED ○ All in-text citations not found in the list of references highlighted in Green, and added to the list of references accordingly. b) The annotated report was obtained from the Faculty and the citations attached to the annotated report have been included. The additional typos and grammatical errors not captured in the comments sheet but indicated on the annotated have been corrected accordingly.
2	**Abstract:** a) Consider revising the abstract to make it more concise. It is a summary but the abstract in the report is too long.	a) A structured approach (IEEE) to the abstract was used. Abstract reduced to 1 ½ pages.
3	**Structure of report:** a) Chapter 5: Summary, Recommendations, and Conclusions: There are recommendations for further studies but none articulated as arising from the findings of the study.	a) The recommendations section has been updated to clarify how the recommendations stem from the findings of the study.

The author hopes the foregoing responses address the issues raised by the reviewers. Nonetheless, the author is open to a further review as deemed necessary by the reviewers. Thanks.