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| Book Name: | **Quality Assurance Practices for Transformative Higher Education in Southern Africa** |
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| PART 1: Comments |
|  | Reviewer’s comment**Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | Author’s Feedback *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
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* Suggested improvements:
* Provide a more structured summary of the key findings.
* Clarify how AI is specifically redefining quality assurance.
* Avoid repetition of phrases such as "AI and its allied technologies."
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