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Title of the Manuscript:	Green Cooperatives and the Empowerment of Rural Women Entrepreneurs: Insights from Sunamganj, Bangladesh
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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>The paper here explores an important topic of empowerment through green cooperatives. The study is well structured. However, some revisions are necessary before this paper can be considered for publication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of methodology: While the methodology section is detailed, the rationale behind choosing the sample size and sampling techniques should be discussed more clearly. • In-depth analysis: The paper provides a broad overview of the benefits and challenges of green cooperatives, but the analysis could benefit from a deeper engagement with the existing literature. <p>Based on these observations, the paper has substantial merit and should be published after the necessary revisions are made.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The title of the article, "Green cooperatives and empowerment of rural women entrepreneurs: insights from Sunamganj, Bangladesh" is generally appropriate. However, the title could be refined to better capture the key elements of the study, including socio-economic aspects and specific challenges addressed by cooperatives.</p> <p>Suggested alternative title: "Empowering rural women entrepreneurs through green cooperatives: socio-economic impacts and challenges in Sunamganj, Bangladesh"</p>	
<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>The abstract of the article provides a comprehensive overview of the study, including its objectives, methodology, key findings, and implications. However, there are a few areas where the abstract could be improved for clarity and completeness:</p> <p>Suggested improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specificity in methodology • Mention of statistical tools • Addition of practical implications • Clarity in challenges • Balanced conclusions 	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>The sub-sections and structure of the manuscript here appear to be well organized and appropriate for an academic research article. The manuscript follows a logical progression from introduction to conclusion, making it easy for readers to follow the narrative of the study. However, there are a few areas where the structure could be refined for better clarity and flow.</p> <p>Suggested Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Questions • Methodology Section Expansion • Results and Discussion Separation 	
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This manuscript appears to be scientifically strong and technically sound, as it is based on a solid research framework and employs appropriate methodologies for data collection and analysis. However, there are some areas that could be enhanced to further strengthen the manuscript. For example, the justification for the sampling techniques chosen (purposive and snowball sampling) could be stronger, particularly in addressing any potential biases. Additionally, while the analysis is comprehensive, the inclusion of more diverse analytical techniques or longitudinal data could provide deeper insights into the long-term effects of green cooperatives on rural women entrepreneurs.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p>	<p>The manuscript includes a substantial number of references that provide a solid foundation for the research. The references include a mix of global and regional studies, contributing to a well-rounded literature review.</p>	

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	<p>Areas for improvement:</p> <p>Recency of references: While some references are recent (from 2019 to 2023), many others are from earlier years (e.g., 2011, 2014). Given the rapidly evolving nature of research on gender empowerment and cooperation, the inclusion of more recent studies (from the past 5 years) would increase the relevance of the manuscript and reflect current trends and advancements in the field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional references on digital technologies • Digital tools and empowerment: • Gender-responsive approaches to enhance the adoption of climate-smart agricultural innovations • Gender, technology and the future of work. • 	
<p><u>Minor</u> REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language and English quality of the article is generally suitable for scholarly communication, but there are some areas where the writing could be improved to increase clarity and readability.</p> <p>Areas of improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar and syntax: There are some minor grammatical errors and awkward phrasing that need attention. • Redundancy: Some points are repeated several times in slightly different forms, which can make the text seem redundant. • Use of passive voice: The manuscript sometimes overuses the passive voice, which can make the writing less direct. 	
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>	<p>The paper provides valuable information about the role of green cooperatives in empowering rural women entrepreneurs, which has profound implications for policy and practice. However, the manuscript could benefit from minor revisions to the language, structure, and inclusion of recent references to enhance its scholarly impact.</p> <p>The manuscript clearly states that there are no ethical issues, and based on the material provided, there do not appear to be any significant ethical concerns related to the research. The study appears to have followed ethical standards, particularly in data collection from human subjects, such as obtaining informed consent and ensuring confidentiality. However, it would be beneficial to include a brief description of how ethical considerations were specifically addressed during the research process to reinforce the manuscript's compliance with ethical standards.</p> <p>No competing interest issues are indicated in the manuscript, and there is no evidence of a potential conflict of interest</p> <p>To accurately determine whether there is any suspicion of plagiarism in the manuscript, a detailed plagiarism check using specialized software or tools like Turnitin, Grammarly, or Copyscape would be required.</p>	

PART 2:

	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)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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