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PART 1: 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>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) This manuscript provides valuable insights into the socio-economic dynamics of women participating in Self-Help Groups (SHGs), particularly in rural contexts. b) By analyzing demographic, economic and social participation attributes, the study highlights key factors influencing women's empowerment and engagement in SHGs. c) The findings contribute to understanding how SHGs impact rural development, offering evidence-based recommendations for policymakers and development practitioners. d) Furthermore, the research underscores the role of education, family structures, and motivational factors in fostering inclusion, making it an important reference for advancing gender equity and community development initiatives. 	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	" Study on Socio-economic Attributes of the Members Working in Women Self-Help Groups, " is descriptive and relevant, but it can be refined to make it more specific and engaging. A suggested alternative title could be: " Socio-economic Profile and Impact of Women Self-Help Groups: A Study from Khordha District, Odisha "	

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<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 is generally comprehensive</p> <p>Here are my suggestions:</p> <p>Additions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Study Objective: Explicitly state the primary objective of the study (e.g., to assess the socio-economic attributes and their impact on SHG members). Findings: Highlight specific outcomes, such as the most significant socio-economic factors influencing SHG participation. Relevance: Briefly mention how the study contributes to the empowerment of women and rural development. <p>Deletions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> General Phrases: Remove vague or repetitive statements, such as "the study revealed" and replace them with concise, impactful summaries of the findings. Excessive Details: Avoid overly detailed descriptions of sampling methods and statistical tools in the abstract. These can be summarized or moved to the methodology section. 	
<p>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</p>	<p>The manuscript appears to be scientifically sound overall, with a clear research objective, appropriate methodology, and relevant findings. However, there are some areas where it can be further strengthened for scientific rigor and clarity.</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 references provided in the manuscript are relevant but not entirely sufficient or recent. Many references date back to 2000–2016, with only a few representing more contemporary research. For a comprehensive and impactful study, including more recent literature and studies would strengthen the manuscript.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a targeted search for publications from 2018 onwards on SHGs, financial inclusion, and rural women's empowerment. Include references that reflect advancements in digital or mobile technology adoption within SHGs, as this is an emerging and relevant area of research. <p>Incorporating these changes will enhance the manuscript's credibility and ensure it aligns with the current academic discourse.</p>	
<p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language quality of the manuscript is generally clear and conveys the intended meaning effectively. However, there are areas where the writing could be improved to meet the standards of scholarly communication.</p> <p>Observations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Some sentences are overly long or complex, making them harder to follow. Simplifying sentence structures could improve readability. Minor grammatical errors, such as subject-verb agreement issues and missing articles, are present. These need correction to ensure the text adheres to scholarly standards. Ensure the manuscript aligns with journal-specific guidelines for tone, style, and formatting. 	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>The manuscript has significant potential to contribute to the field of rural development and women's studies. With some refinements in structure, depth, and language, it can achieve greater clarity and impact. It is recommended to address the specific points above to improve the overall quality and alignment with academic standards.</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)
<p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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