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Manuscript Number:	Ms_JSRR_125820
Title of the Manuscript:	The Extent of Participation and Empowerment of Rural Women in Lac Cultivation in Koderma District of Jharkhand
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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	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)
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.	I like this manuscript because: <div><div>1) This manuscript offers critical insights into the role of lac cultivation in empowering rural women in Koderma District, Jharkhand, making it highly relevant to the scientific community focused on gender studies, rural development, and agricultural economics.</div><div>2) By highlighting women's active participation across various stages of lac production, it underscores the socio-economic benefits that lead to financial independence and increased decision-making power for women.</div><div>3) The study also addresses the on-going challenges, such as limited access to resources and market barriers, emphasizing the importance of government and NGO interventions in overcoming these obstacles.</div></div>	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The current title is a bit long and could be more impactful if streamlined. Suggested Alternative Title: "Empowerment and Participation of Rural Women in Lac Cultivation: A Case Study of Koderma District, Jharkhand"	
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.	The abstract provides a comprehensive overview of the article, covering key points such as the role of lac cultivation in empowering rural women in Koderma District, the challenges they face, and the efforts by the government and NGOs to support them. However, some improvements could be made to enhance clarity and completeness. Suggestions for Improvement: <div><div>1. Clarify the scope: The abstract could briefly mention the methods or approach used in the review. For example, was this based on interviews, case studies, or secondary data? This would give readers an understanding of how the conclusions were drawn.</div><div>2. Provide more details on challenges: The abstract mentions challenges like gender discrimination and market constraints, but it could briefly expand on these challenges or mention examples of how they manifest in practice.</div><div>3. Address gaps in the current systems: The abstract could elaborate slightly more on the existing gaps mentioned in the last part. For instance, what are the specific challenges in technology access and market linkage that need to be addressed?</div><div>4. Include a concluding statement: The abstract could benefit from a stronger concluding remark summarizing the future implications or recommendations drawn from the review.</div></div>	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	Yes, the subsections and structure are appropriate. The detailed sections on challenges and government initiatives further enhance the depth of the analysis.	
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.	<div><div>1. The manuscript correctly addresses the role of lac cultivation in empowering rural women.</div><div>2. It provides a valid analysis of how socio-cultural norms influence women's participation in the sector.</div><div>3. The discussion on the economic benefits and government/NGO initiatives is well-grounded in factual information.</div><div>4. The exploration of the challenges faced by women in lac cultivation is accurate and supported by credible references.</div></div>	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are sufficient, covering relevant sources, but a few more recent publications could strengthen the argument.	

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<div>Minor REVISION comments</div> <div>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</div>	<div>The language is generally clear, but there are areas where sentence structure, grammar, and clarity could be improved for better flow. Minor revisions in phrasing and punctuation are recommended to enhance readability and scholarly communication quality.</div>	
<div>Optional/General comments</div>	<div>After reviewing the manuscript, here are general comments and suggestions for corrections:</div> <div><div>0.</div><div>In general, this manuscript should contain the line numbering in order to facilitate the indication of required revisions about, grammar, structure, punctuation, etc:</div></div> <div><div>1.</div><div>Abstract:</div><div><div>○</div><div>The abstract is informative but can be more concise. It repeats some ideas (e.g., empowerment through lac cultivation) and can be more focused on highlighting the research findings.</div></div><div><div>○</div><div>Consider adding a statement about the specific findings or data that support the claim of women's empowerment.</div></div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>Clarity and Flow:</div><div><div>○</div><div>The manuscript has a lot of valuable information, but in some sections, the flow of ideas could be improved. Transitions between paragraphs and sections could be smoother. For instance, instead of jumping from economic empowerment to challenges, bridge these ideas by explaining how economic empowerment faces specific barriers.</div></div></div> <div><div>3.</div><div>Repetitions:</div><div><div>○</div><div>There are several repetitions, especially in the abstract and introduction, where the concept of women's empowerment is reiterated without adding new information. Try consolidating these ideas to avoid redundancy.</div></div></div> <div><div>4.</div><div>Data and Evidence:</div><div><div>○</div><div>Provide more quantitative data or specific case studies if available. For example, the manuscript discusses the economic impact on women but could benefit from actual figures, such as the percentage increase in income or the number of women involved in the industry.</div></div></div> <div><div>5.</div><div>Subheadings:</div><div><div>○</div><div>The subheadings are clear, but consider restructuring some sections for clarity. For example, instead of listing challenges all in one section, you might break them down by type (economic, social, technological, etc.), making it easier to follow.</div></div></div> <div><div>6.</div><div>Use of Citations:</div><div><div>○</div><div>Some statements lack citations or references to back up the claims. For example, when discussing the positive effects of NGO training programs, it would be good to cite specific reports or studies that support this.</div></div></div> <div><div>7.</div><div>Images/Pictures and Tables:</div><div><div>○</div><div>Ensure that all figures and tables are properly labeled and referenced in the text. The descriptions should clearly tie the visual data back to the discussion in the manuscript. Especially, tables should be modified in such way that they only indicate rows on the titles and end of table only.</div></div><div><div>○</div><div>Use concise pictures, and some images like Image 1: Lac doesn't really show the lac.</div></div><div><div>○</div><div></div></div></div> <div><div>8.</div><div>Conclusion:</div><div><div>○</div><div>The conclusion could be strengthened by offering clear recommendations for future work or policy changes. The current conclusion touches on this, but it could be more</div></div></div>	

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	<p>focused on what should be done next.</p> <p>9. Language and Grammar:</p> <p>I. Sentence Structure: Some sentences are overly long and complex. Breaking them into shorter sentences would improve readability. For example, in the discussion of "Challenges Faced by Rural Women," the sentence "While lac cultivation provides significant opportunities for income generation and empowerment the obstacles encountered by women in this sector remain substantial," could be revised to: "Lac cultivation offers women opportunities for income generation and empowerment. However, they still face substantial obstacles in this sector."</p> <p>II. Phrasing and Clarity: Redundant phrases and unclear word choices can be revised for conciseness and clarity. For example, "the women face challenges in accessing modern technologies that could improve productivity and reduce the labor-intensive nature of lac production" could be rewritten as "women struggle to access technologies that enhance productivity and reduce labor."</p> <p>III. Punctuation: The manuscript would benefit from a thorough review of punctuation to improve flow. Commas should be added in sentences that list multiple ideas. For example, in the sentence "By earning a steady income from lac cultivation women can contribute to household expenses, invest in their children's education, and improve their overall quality of life," a comma is needed after "cultivation."</p> <p>IV. Grammar Adjustments: Some verb forms need revision to align with the subject of the sentence. For example, "Women often lack access to modern technologies that could improve their productivity and reduce the labor-intensive nature of lac production" should be rephrased to "Women often lack access to modern technologies, which would improve productivity and reduce the labor-intensive nature of lac production."</p> <p>10. References:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Make sure all references are formatted consistently and that the most relevant and up-to-date sources are cited.	
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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
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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