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<p><b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>		
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p><b>Areas for improvement in the abstract:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clearly state the research focus and objectives.</li> <li>2. Include specific outcomes and impacts of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) on women's empowerment.</li> <li>3. Highlight key dimensions of women's empowerment, such as economic, social, political, and environmental.</li> <li>4. Discuss challenges faced by women in rural development, including gender inequality and limited resource access.</li> <li>5. Emphasize the need for policy integration to address gender norms and unequal representation in watershed management.</li> </ol> <p>The abstract contains a grammar error: <b>"has improved the uptake of women in economic activities" should be corrected to "have improved the uptake of women in economic activities."</b></p> <p><b>Substantial improvements are necessary.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Include a clear and concise abstract summarizing the key findings and implications.</li> <li>2. Provide a more detailed introduction to set the context and importance of women's empowerment in rural development.</li> <li>3. Clearly define the objectives and scope of the study.</li> <li>4. Include a comprehensive literature review to support the study's background and significance.</li> <li>5. Use a mixed-methods framework to provide a more holistic understanding of the impact of self-help groups (SHGs) on women's empowerment.</li> <li>6. Incorporate more quantitative indicators to strengthen the study's findings.</li> <li>7. Address the limitations of the study, such as sample size or data collection methods.</li> <li>8. Discuss the implications of the findings for policy and practice.</li> <li>9. Provide recommendations for integrating policies to address gender inequality and limited resource access.</li> <li>10. Include a conceptual framework to visually represent the relationships between SHGs, watershed programs, and women's empowerment.</li> <li>11. Augment the discourse concerning the function of self-help groups (SHGs) in facilitating women's engagement in economic endeavours and fostering social advancement.</li> <li>12. Explore the potential challenges faced by SHGs in achieving their goals and suggest strategies to overcome them.</li> <li>13. Consider the long-term sustainability and scalability of SHGs in promoting women's empowerment.</li> <li>14. Discuss the broader implications of women's empowerment in rural development beyond economic aspects.</li> <li>15. Conclude by presenting a synthesis of principal discoveries and prospective avenues for further scholarly investigation.</li> </ol>	<p>Thanks for the valuable comments. Noted and revised as per the suggestions</p>

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