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| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_AJARR\_135037** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Development of Participatory Training Module on Value-addition of Mango: Empowering Rural Women towards Sustainable Livelihoods** |
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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)* |
| **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.** | This manuscript is highly relevant to the scientific community, especially in the fields of rural development, agricultural innovation, and gender empowerment. It provides a well-structured approach to developing participatory training modules that promote value-addition of mango products. The research not only empowers rural women but also contributes to sustainable livelihood practices. The module has practical application potential and offers replicable strategies for community development. |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Yes, the title is suitable and effectively conveys the purpose and focus of the research |  |
| 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. | Yes, the abstract is comprehensive. Consider including the statistical significance of the training outcomes to highlight the impact of the intervention. |  |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | Yes, the manuscript is scientifically sound. The methodology is clear, the data collection and analysis are appropriate, and the findings are well-supported by evidence. |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | Yes, the references are adequate and include recent literature. **Suggestion:** Add references related to participatory rural appraisal (PRA) and community-based training models to strengthen the theoretical foundation. |  |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | Yes, the language is clear and scholarly. Minor grammatical edits will improve readability. |  |
| Optional/General comments | Consider including a follow-up assessment or feedback from participants after 3–6 months to evaluate long-term impact. This would enhance the practical value of the study. This is a well-structured and impactful manuscript that addresses an important aspect of rural development and women empowerment through agricultural value-addition. The participatory approach and training module are clearly explained and evaluated. A few additions related to statistical details and long-term impact can further enhance its value. No ethical issues were found. The study has followed ethical research procedures, and participant consent was clearly obtained. No competing interests are reported or suspected. No plagiarism suspected. |  |

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| **Are there ethical issues in this**  **manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in detail)* | As per suggestion, results of the paired t-test have been incorporated in the abstract and highlighted. With due respect, we wish to clarify that Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) is primarily a need assessment approach used to understand the current situation within a community, and not a community-based training model. Therefore, we feel that adding references specifically related to PRA may not directly support the objectives of our study. Additionally, since the study was conducted during 2022–23, we regret that it is not currently possible to conduct a follow-up assessment of the participants. |