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| Journal Name: | [**Archives of Current Research International**](https://journalacri.com/index.php/ACRI) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_ACRI\_138538** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Gender-Based Livelihood Decisions Among Tribal Agricultural Laborers in Wayanad District of Kerala** |
| Type of the Article | **Original Research Article** |

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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** *(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.** | Yes, primarily, the findings provide an empirical foundation for researchers.secondly, the outputs are also more valuable for policymakers to design program interventions that enhance the economic, political and social empowerment of tribal agricultural laborers. Finally and uniquely it is important for  interdisciplinary studies on gender, labor dynamics, and rural economic sustainability offering insights that can inform equitable policy frameworks and inclusive development strategies. | Thank you for your thoughtful comments. I appreciate how you've highlighted the broader relevance of the findingsnot only as a foundation for further research but also for informing policy interventions. Your emphasis on interdisciplinary implications and inclusive development adds valuable depth to the discussion. |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Yes, it is attractive and effectively coveys the core focus of the study which holds two important variables, gender-based livelihood decisions & tribal agricultural laborers in Wayanad District. However, I would like to comment authors to rewrite the title like this to make it more suitable,”*Gender and Livelihood Decision-Making Among Tribal Agricultural Laborers in Wayanad, Kerala, India”*  need to rework on is that your title is Household based decision making power and livelihoods but these are beyond husband and wife please. It needs collaborative minds and stake holders to solve the problem of lower castes empowerment issues. So how much agency do tribal women have in choosing agricultural work versus being forced into specific roles due to socioeconomic constraints? Examining household and community-level decision-making structures would be insightful. I would like to request authors to look at the title and the scope of this study and need to  negotiate them | I have decided to retain the title I originally chose for this article. |

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| **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.** | It is narration of the problem. Where are the major findings, for example?. An “Abstract” is a summary of a full length so that a reader can simply understand the entire paper rushing through it. An abstract should underscores the problem, the objective of the study, the methodologies employed( study design and types, sampling, Data collection and management, Data processing and analyses), main findings, and concluding remarks based upon findings. I kindly request the author(s) to rework on it so that fit  the standard. | The abstract has been modified to reflect these changes accordingly. |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | This is the drawback of this work because the study lacks to follow systematic scientific procedures. For instance, research gaps have not been clearly shown in the “Background” section, the methodological parts (Research design, Sampling, Data collection and Quality assurance, Data  processing and Analysis} are not clearly set. So authors need to reconsider these concerns | The study was confined to the Wayanad district of Kerala, chosen for its significant tribal population and status as the homeland of some of the most primitive and smallest tribal communities on the Indian mainland. a modified procedure developed by Paul (2014) was employed. Simple random sampling method was used for the study. The study randomly selected 60 male and 60 female tribal agricultural labourers from different households, resulting in a total of 120 households being analysed. It was measured using a three-point continuum scale: full control (scored as 3), partial control (scored as 2), and no control (scored as 1). For men, if their spouse made the decision in a particular area, a score of 1 was given. If both male and female jointly made the decision, a score of 2 was given, indicating partial control. If the man had full decision-making power, a score of 3 was assigned. Similarly, for women, if their spouse made the decision, a score of 1 was given. If the decision was made jointly, a score of 2 was given, and if the woman had full decision-making power, a score of 3 was assigned. The gathered data were scored and analyzed using frequency, percentage, descriptive statistics, and graphical representation. This were all clearly mentioned in methodology part. |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | I kindly request authors to add many more references because there are massive empirical studies on this subject, in India and even elsewhere.  Groundswell International (2018) Empowering women in agroecology: an essential component for the resilience of rural communities in the Sahel, Ouagadougou,Burkina Faso  Twyman, Jenifer and Ambler, Kate. 2021. Tools and Methods for Gender Research and Integration in Agricultural Value Chain, Market and Entrepreneurship Projects. CGIAR GENDER Platform Working Paper #004. Nairobi, Kenya: CGIAR GENDER Platform https://hdl.handle. net/10568/116888 Gender and Decision Making in Agriculture: A Case Study of the Smallholder Groundnuts  Sector in Zambia | The references section has been revised accordingly. Ccurrent and pertinent references were added. The additions were highlighted in the manuscript |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | I appreciate author about the clarity of language and scholarly communication. I appreciate once again. | Thank you, I appreciate the compliment. |
| **Optional/General** comments | The topic is important, critical and timely. need to revise incorporation comments and concerns that are suggested above | Thank you, I appreciate the compliment.  Necessary corrections were made |

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| **PART 2:** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in detail)* | Nil |