**Editor’s Comment:**

I am pleased to inform you that the manuscript may be ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION following the completion of minor revisions. The revised manuscript successfully addresses the reviewers' concerns and represents a significant contribution to the literature on traditional fermented foods and women's empowerment in sub-Saharan Africa. The technological characterization of djir production fills an important knowledge gap, while the socioeconomic analysis provides valuable insights for policy makers and development practitioners.

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