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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.** | This manuscript addresses an important and timely issue: the socio-demographic determinants of digital inclusion among rural women in Nigeria. It provides valuable empirical evidence that contributes to understanding how mobile technology is adopted and used in rural contexts, particularly in relation to livelihoods and gender. By focusing on Ondo State, the study adds localized evidence to global debates on digital inclusion, the gender digital divide, and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The findings will be relevant not only to researchers but also to policymakers and development practitioners working to close the digital divide in rural areas. |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The current title, *“Digital Inclusion: Socio-demographic Determinants of Mobile Technology Use among Rural Women in Ondo State, Nigeria”* is clear and descriptive. However, it may be slightly lengthy. A shorter alternative could be:   * *“Socio-demographic Factors Influencing Digital Inclusion among Rural Women in Ondo State, Nigeria”* * *“Determinants of Mobile Technology Use and Digital Inclusion among Rural Women in Nigeria”* | Socio-demographic Determinants of Mobile Technology Use and Digital Inclusion among Rural Women in Ondo State, Nigeria |
| 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 is generally comprehensive. It includes the aim, design, setting, methodology, results, and conclusion. However, it could be improved by:   * Adding **specific statistical values** (e.g., R² = 0.049) to better substantiate the findings. * Streamlining some sentences for clarity and conciseness. * Emphasizing the **policy implications** more clearly in the conclusion. | The statistic is already in the abstract |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | The manuscript is scientifically sound. The methodology (cross-sectional design, sampling, structured interviews, use of regression and correlations) is appropriate for the research questions. The statistical analyses are correctly applied, though the discussion should better highlight the limitations of the small sample size in some subgroups. |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | The references are sufficient, relevant, and fairly recent (2018–2025). They include global, regional, and Nigerian sources. However, it may be strengthened by including more recent empirical studies (2022–2025) on rural women and digital inclusion in sub-Saharan Africa. | 2025 references has been included |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | The language is generally clear and suitable for scholarly communication. Some sentences are long and could be shortened for readability. A light copy-edit for conciseness and grammar would enhance the flow. |  |
| Optional/General comments | The study is important, scientifically valid, and well written. Minor improvements to title conciseness, abstract detail, and clarity of limitations would make it publication-ready. |  |

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