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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: A Bibliometric Investigation of the Role of Economic Support in Advancing Women's Empowerment

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	✓			
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance	✓			

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

- The manuscript presents a systematic bibliometric analysis of research on economic support and women's empowerment using Scopus-indexed articles (2020–2026).
- The study effectively combines:
 - Performance analysis (publication trends, influential journals, authors, and citations)
 - Scientific mapping (co-authorship, co-citation, bibliographic coupling, keyword co-occurrence, thematic mapping, and global collaboration networks).
- The topic is highly relevant and policy-oriented, aligned with global development agendas and gender equality discourse.
- The research design is methodologically sound, with:
 - Clearly defined inclusion and exclusion criteria
 - Transparent search string
 - Use of recognized tools (Bibliometrix and VOSviewer).
- Findings indicate:
 - Rapid growth in publications between 2020–2024
 - Strong theoretical grounding in capability and resource–agency frameworks
 - Thematic concentration on microfinance, financial inclusion, and gender equality
 - Expanding interdisciplinary integration (health, agriculture, sustainability)
 - A hierarchically structured but globally connected collaboration network.
- The manuscript demonstrates strong literature coverage and citation analysis, identifying core scholars and influential works shaping the field.
- The discussion effectively connects empirical findings with theoretical foundations and global policy implications.

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- Practical implications for policymakers and development agencies are clearly articulated.

◆ Key Strengths

- High originality and contemporary relevance.
- Comprehensive bibliometric methodology.
- Clear presentation of performance indicators and network analyses.
- Strong theoretical linkage and interdisciplinary perspective.
- Valuable contribution to mapping intellectual and thematic evolution of empowerment research.

◆ Areas Requiring Minor Improvement

- Language polishing and grammatical refinement needed.
- Some repetition in discussion and results sections.
- Clearer statement of research objectives recommended.
- Justification for time-period selection (2020–2026) should be strengthened.
- Minor formatting and citation consistency corrections required.

◆ Overall Evaluation

- The manuscript makes a meaningful academic contribution to women's empowerment literature.
- The research is methodologically rigorous and analytically rich.
- With minor revisions related to clarity and presentation, the paper is suitable for publication.