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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Bradford's Law of Scattering and its Application to the Analysis of Plant Breeding Research Publications in India

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is
- Accept after minor revision.....
- Accept after major revision**
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

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

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

This study applies Bradford's Law of Scattering to plant breeding research publications from India (2021–2025) using Web of Science data. While the topic is relevant, several critical issues require revision. First, the data collection period is problematic: the study covers 2021–2025 but was presumably conducted in 2026 the database access year (2026) appears in references, raising concerns about data completeness and forward projection. Second, the calculation of percentage error (23.25%) and verification of Bradford's verbal formulation are not clearly explained; the geometric progression 13:65:771 does not convincingly fit the law, and the authors' conclusion of partial conformity is ambiguous. Third, the graphical formulation is mentioned but no figure is provided, making verification impossible. Fourth, Table 3 is excessively long and poorly formatted; only summary data should be presented. Fifth, the introduction on plant breeding is overly general and not well integrated with the bibliometric objective. The authors must clarify the data timeframe, re-evaluate the application of Bradford's Law with appropriate statistical tests, include the missing graph, and drastically condense tables. Language polishing is also needed. Resubmission for further review is required.