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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: The Economic Effects of Import Dependence on SMEs in Afghanistan- A Systematic Review.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision Yes

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*).....

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

Reviewer'sID: JPR- Dr. Himanshu Gaur

Detailed Reviewer's Report

The abstract addresses an important and underexplored issue concerning the impact of import dependence on the survival and sustainability of SMEs in Afghanistan. The topic is highly relevant given the country's economic vulnerabilities, trade constraints, and the critical role of SMEs in employment generation and economic development. The study appropriately highlights key challenges such as supply chain disruptions, border closures, exchange rate volatility, and trade-related uncertainties that affect business operations. However, the abstract requires significant improvement in terms of academic writing, clarity, and methodological rigor. Several grammatical and language errors reduce readability, and certain statements are repetitive, particularly regarding the dependence on imported inputs. As a systematic review, the abstract does not specify the review methodology, including database selection, search strategy, inclusion and exclusion criteria, timeframe of reviewed studies, or analytical approach, which are essential elements of a systematic review. Furthermore, the statement of results is speculative, using phrases such as "this study result will discover," rather than presenting evidence-based findings derived from the review. The research objective should be stated more clearly, and the expected contribution to theory, policy, and practice should be better articulated. The abstract would also benefit from a stronger conclusion emphasizing how the findings can support policymakers in enhancing SME resilience, promoting local production, and reducing excessive import dependence. Overall, the study focuses on a valuable research problem, but substantial revisions are needed to improve the quality of writing, methodological transparency, and scholarly contribution before publication consideration.