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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Assessing the Schedule Impact of Design and Scope Changes in Saudi Construction Projects.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is .....

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision .....

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

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

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

The manuscript presents a relevant and practical framework for assessing the schedule impact of design and scope changes in Saudi construction projects. It addresses an important project-management challenge by connecting change identification, verified progress, schedule modelling, critical-path analysis, float assessment, mitigation strategies, and subsequent verification. The structured narrative review provides an appropriate foundation for the proposed framework, while the synthetic construction network clearly demonstrates how a fourteen-day change sequence can result in nine days of completion movement and how targeted procurement mitigation can reduce this movement to five days. The discussion of overlapping changes, procurement dependencies, productivity effects, and project documentation adds practical value for construction planners and project managers. The manuscript is logically organised and relevant to the Saudi construction sector. However, minor revision is recommended to strengthen the explanation of the literature-review process, improve the presentation and labelling of the illustrative tables and figures, and ensure consistency and completeness in the references. Overall, the paper makes a useful contribution to construction schedule management and provides a foundation for future validation using actual Saudi construction project records.