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Title of the Manuscript: **Voices from the sidelines: Constraints and Suggestions of non-participant farmers of soybean Digital Farmer Field**

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**PART 1: Comments**

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|  | **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 provides valuable insights into the constraints and suggestions of non-participant soybean farmers in Maharashtra regarding Digital Farmer Field Schools (DFFS). By highlighting the challenges these farmers face, such as seed availability and price fluctuations, the study identifies critical areas for policy intervention. Additionally, it emphasizes the role of digital extension models in bridging knowledge gaps, which is particularly relevant in the context of sustainable agricultural practices. This research can inform policymakers and agricultural extension agencies about the needs of non-participant farmers, ultimately contributing to improved soybean cultivation and rural livelihoods. |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?****(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The title is suitable as it clearly reflects the focus of the study on the experiences and suggestions of non-participant farmers regarding DFFS. However, an alternative title could be: "Understanding Constraints and Suggestions from Non-Participant Soybean Farmers in Maharashtra's Digital Farmer Field Schools." |  |

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| **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 comprehensive, summarizing the study’s objectives, methodology, key findings, and implications. It effectively outlines the constraints faced by non-participant farmers and their suggestions for improvement. No major additions or deletions are necessary, but it could briefly mention the significance of these findings for policy development. |  |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | The manuscript appears scientifically correct, as it uses an appropriate research design and methodology to gather data from a defined population. The findings are presented clearly, supported by relevant statistics. However, it would benefit from a more detailed discussion of the implications of the findings on agricultural policies and practices. |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | The references are sufficient and relevant, covering key aspects of soybean cultivation and agricultural extension. They include recent studies that support the findings. Additional references could enhance the discussion, particularly on the impact of digital technologies in agriculture and the effectiveness of training programs for farmers. |  |

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| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | The language quality of the article is generally suitable for scholarly communication. The writing is clear, coherent, and organized logically, making it easy for readers to follow the arguments and findings. Technical terms related to agriculture and digital extension are used appropriately, and the overall tone is formal and academic.However, there are a few areas that could be improved: **Clarity**: Some sentences could be simplified for better readability.For example, breaking down complex sentences into shorter, more direct ones might enhance understanding. **Consistency**: Ensure consistent use of terms and phrases throughout the manuscript. For instance, referring to "Digital Farmer Field Schools" should be uniform in capitalization and phrasing. |  |
| **Optional/General** comments | The article addresses a pertinent issue in agricultural extension, particularly in the context of digital technologies. It effectively highlights the constraints faced by non-participant farmers and offers actionable suggestions for improvement. Strengthening the discussion on implications for policymakers and integrating more recent literature on digital solutions in agriculture could further enhance the manuscript's impact. Overall, the study contributes valuable insights to the field of agricultural extension and offers a solid foundation for future research and policy initiatives. |  |

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| **PART 2:**  |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment** | **Author’s comment** *(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?**  | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* |  |

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