

Review of: "Determinants of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Sustainable Development in Africa"

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Dear authors, I regret to tell that, in my opinion, your article needs considerable reformulation to achieve an adequate level of scientific soundness.

First of all, the topic is very interesting and you have adequately identified the research gap addressed in this paper. Your research objective is clear and adequate. However, I don't think that the research design that you followed enables the achievement of this research objective.

My concerns are related with measurement of the variables: in quantitative research, you have to adequately define how the variables under study have been quantified, and I don't see this in your paper.

For example, what instrument did you use to measure the variable 'MSME's Sustainable Development'? From what I could understand from your paper, you only measured, using a 5 point Likert scale, the perceptions of CEOs regarding their companies' 'sustainable development'. What items were considered here: financial sustainability? How can you assure that the interpretation of the respondents is the same regarding the quantification of financial sustainability? And what about other dimensions of sustainable development? Were environmental and social sustainability topics considered by the respondents?

Similar questions apply to all the other variables that you 'measured'. Further clarification is required regarding the research instrument used to quantify the variables - without this, your analysis is not adequate, and your research objective can not be achieved.

I hope that these comments will be useful to improve your paper.

Best regards