

Review of: "Socio-cultural factors influencing women empowerment: A cross-sectional study among an ex-criminal tribe in West Bengal, India"

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Thank you for the opportunity to review your paper. However, take note of the following comments that you will find useful for improving this.

1. Your abstract is too long-winded. Generally, an abstract should not exceed 300 words. Spend sometime to proof read your manuscript. In addition, your abstract should include a paragraph that explains the implication of your study to theory and practice, otherwise, we do not know what to do with your study.

2. Introduction

the flow of this section is not encouraging. Consider following this flow: Para 1- explain the context of the research (this is presently missing at the moment); Para 2- explain what we know about the topic introduced; para 3: explain what we need to find out; para 4- tell us what this paper will do to find out, method etc. Para 5: with no references, explain the structure of this paper (this is presently missing at the moment). This is a flow I learnt from a mentor and would enhance the readability of your introductory section.

3. Literature review (Missing)- Interestingly, this section is missing. We need existing knowledge of the literature to know what gap exist and what gap you intend to fill and to evaluate whether you have filled this gap with your findings.

4. The methodology lacks some clarity. For instance, provide clearer information about the characteristics of your research participants. You should also provide a descriptive statistics so that we understand the characteristics of the women that makes up the participants. You seem to have jumbled up a lot of data collection method here with no justification for your choices. You mentioned that you have utilised observation, interview and case study method. The question is how? And in the later discussion, you mentioned that you utilised SPSS for analysis suggesting a quantitative study. Which one is it? And there are no information about the proportion of participants and how you analysed the qualitative related data such as interviews, observation.

5. You also need a discussion section where you can compare and evaluate your findings against prior literatures. By doing that, you can demonstrate how your findings differ/is similar from/to other studies. and why is that the case? what

gap have you filled and so on.

6. Please look for some well-written papers on women entrepreneurship for guidance on how to improve the structure of your study and for building your literature review section. I have written quite a number of studies on women entrepreneurship in a developing economy which I think you will enjoy reading---

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