

# Review of: "Factors Affecting the Social Outreach of Microfinance Institutions: Evidence from Ethiopian Microfinance Institutions"

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**Title of the article: "Factors Affecting the Social Outreach of Microfinance Institutions: Evidence from Ethiopian Microfinance Institutions"**

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This study is attractive since it examines the factors that determine the social outreach performance of MFIs in Ethiopia. Nevertheless, the paper quality still needs improvement based on the following comments:

## 1. Introduction

- I. The introduction is fragmented and less consistent, so revise it again.
- II. Please clearly state the objective of the paper at the end of the introduction.
- III. The statement of the problem (the research gap) lacks clarity and is weak.

## 1. Literature Review

- I. The literature is very shallow. So, it is better to incorporate other additional elements in the literature review section.

## 1. Methods and Materials

- I. In the methodology section, in Table 1, please clearly indicate the list of variables and their units of measurement in a separate column in the table.
- II. What is the measurement of the depth of outreach? It is confusing.

## 1. Results and Discussion

- I. The result section is shallow, so please frame the discussion section along the following lines to provide an in-depth discussion on the topic.
  - first main finding of the study,
  - second, comparisons with previous studies,
  - thirdly, implications of the findings

I. The preparation of tables in the manuscript is poor, so please reconstruct to make it clearer.

## 1. Conclusion and Recommendation

I. In the conclusion of your study, please do not simply repeat the results and discussion section. So, it needs some modification. Remove the numerical expressions in the conclusion section.

II. Indicate opportunities for future research in the last section of the conclusion.

III. In your recommendation, provide practical guidance based on the results of your findings.

## 1. References

I. Most of the references that are cited in the article are too old. So, please update the manuscript by citing recent studies.

II. Some of the references are cited in the text, but not listed in the reference section of the manuscript