

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript. The topic of microfinance social performance has been extensively explored in previous research. This article, while offering a focused look at the Ethiopian context, appears to have a limited contribution to the theory and literature. I would suggest that the author consider grounding the study in theoretical frameworks, forming hypotheses that are theory-driven. It would be beneficial to focus on one or two main independent variables and use other variables as the control variables.

Regarding the introduction, it could be improved by clearly stating the research questions, which currently seem ambiguous. Additionally, the sample size comprising only 14 MFIs, which may raise the issue of bias.