

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

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Many thanks for the authors for submitting this paper on an interesting topic. However, there are some issues that should be addressed:

1. What is the rationale behind putting 'Atlantic International University' in the keywords?
2. In the introduction, 'Micro, small, and medium enterprises' is abbreviated with 'MSMEs' in brackets six times. This continues in section 2.1. In my experience, this is highly unusual. Abbreviating a term once is enough.
3. The specific case remains unclear to me: is it Africa, as stated in the introduction, or Ethiopia, which seems to be the focus later in the article? The research objective (focusing on Africa) doesn't add up with sections 2.2. and 2.3, which only mentions Ethiopia. The discussion and conclusion then refer to Africa.
4. Revise redundant sentences such as "The higher the R-squared, the better the model fits the data. In general, a higher R-squared indicates a better fit of the model to the data" or in the introduction, which highlights MSEMs' importance for job creation multiple times
5. I'm certainly no expert on this matter, but I'd assume the following sentence to be untrue: "Micro enterprises have 0 to 4 employees". In my understanding, an enterprise should at least have one employee instead of zero, unless enterprises are counted that only exist on paper. I stand to be corrected.
6. H1 needs improvement, as well as H5
7. Adjust different fonts and sizes in Figure 1. Also, there seems to be a word missing in "Availability of infrastructural"
8. Section 3.3., how was the data collected: On the ground, online, with the support of research assistants..?
9. There is an obvious mistake with 450 MSMEs. In their calculation for the sample size in table 1, the authors state '54 * 10 = 450'. That should probably be 540, which doesn't add up with 450 MSMEs purported earlier in the paper. In the abstract, 340 MSMEs are mentioned.
10. Take care of (apparent?) typos such as 'Cranach's Alpha' and 'concussion'.

I regret not giving a more positive review. A paper in this current stage with plenty of avoidable and partly careless mistakes ('concussion'), however, should not be submitted. It might do more harm than good for both the exciting topic itself as well as the authors' reputation. I would highly recommend taking care of those basic issues before submitting/publishing.