

# 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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## Review Comments

**Title of the article:** Socio-cultural factors influencing women empowerment: A cross-sectional study among an ex-criminal tribe in West-Bengal, India

### 1. Abstract

Most of the information is present in the abstract. However, it can be improved by explaining briefly how the sample was obtained for the study and the methods used to analyse data.

### 1. Introduction

The introduction has been well-attempted. What is grossly lacking is to provide a working definition of what women empowerment constitutes in the introduction. This definition appears also to be in the wrong section (Methodology section). It should be moved to the introduction section. For example, the authors provide Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002) of the Union Government, but there is no mention of what this plan explains in terms of empowerment of women.

### 2. Methodology

The methodology is too brief. It should be beefed up with the discussion on ethics observed in the study. This very imperative especially where human beings have been under study or participated in the study.

### 3. Results

There is a presentation of the results which was well-done and documented. However, there is a need to provide a discussion of the results of the study. The discussion provides a critical reflection and depth about the area under investigation, comparing that with existing practices and literature. This needs to be incorporated into this area of the study.

### 4. Recommendations

For the study to be more effective and generate further discussions for practice and theory, recommendations need to be

incorporated. This is particularly lacking in this manuscript. The researchers should consider incorporating the recommendations.