

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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I am pleased to have the opportunity to review the paper titled "Socio-cultural factors influencing women empowerment: A cross-sectional study among an ex-criminal tribe in West Bengal, India". The paper addresses an important issue and may prove a valuable contribution to the literature. I appreciate the efforts of author(s) and have important observations and recommendations to improve the quality of this study. The major and minor observations and recommendations are as follows:

Abstract

It is a very interesting topic that analyzes Socio-cultural factors influencing women empowerment. However, the author(s) needs to address some minor as well as major issues.

- i. The methodology (Econometric Techniques) used in this study is missing.
- ii. Originality/ value of this paper are completely missing.
- iii. Policy implications are completely missing.
- iv. I suggest that the author(s) needs to revise the abstract carefully.

Introduction and literature

- i. This section is comparatively a smooth and more understandable reading.
- ii. The author(s) needs to add a few lines about why West Bengal, India are selected.
- iii. The author(s) needs to add findings in second last paragraph of introduction.
- iv. The author(s) needs to summarize the previous studies to build the research gap.
- v. Try to divide the literature in sub sections if it is possible.
- vi. There should be hypothesis at the end of each sub section of literature.

Methodology

The author(s) has tried well to explain the methodology. But it would be good to mention the references from the literature in the measurement of variable section.

I believe that these comments will help the author(s) to improve this paper.