

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

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It was pleasure reviewing this article and I appreciate the researchers on their efforts in addressing an important issue. After going through the article, I will suggest few things to further improve its quality.

- Mention the year of research either in the abstract or methodology, so that the reader is able to know when the research was conducted. In the abstract mention the total number of MFIs out of which 14 were selected.
- First write in full what MFIs is and then use its abbreviation onwards, no need to describe it again and again especially in the introduction. The language or sentence structure also needs improvement at some places.
- In-text citations needs correction; like at some places they are bold, at some places abbreviations are used (e.g. Yirsaw, A. 2008) etc. These should be avoided. Follow a proper format consistently.
- Some citations/research studies are old, try to replace it with recent ones. Some in-text citations are not included in the list of references, likewise some of the references in the list of references are not cited in the text. So, delete the references/in-text citations which are not in the article.
- Arrange the list of references in an alphabetical order.
- The Table numbering is not clear as I was unable to find tables 1.5 or 1.6. Also use consistency in numbering the tables.
- The conclusions are not clear regarding the main outcome/result of the study and it should also be added in the abstract. There should be a recommendation for further future study based on the limitations of the present research.
- In the introduction you focused on some variables and avoided others. So, you can add and discuss these as the limitations of the study in the methodology.