

Review of: "Determinants of Women Entrepreneurs' Business Performance: Evidence from Micro and Small-Scale Enterprises in Arba Minch Town, Southern Ethiopia"

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1. While the abstract provides an overview of the findings, it could be strengthened by specifying the actual values of correlation coefficients or regression coefficients. This would provide more concrete information about the strength and direction of the relationships.
2. The abstract lacks some contextual information about the MSEs in Arba Minch Town. Including brief contextual details about the economic or social environment could enhance the reader's understanding of the study setting.
3. The abstract ends abruptly after presenting the findings. Including a brief conclusion or implication section would add completeness to the abstract.
4. While the introduction mentions variables like access to finance, land, technology, and communication skills, it could benefit from a clearer explanation of why these variables were chosen and their theoretical significance in the context of women's business performance.
5. Although the specific objectives and hypotheses are mentioned, they could be more explicitly stated to guide the reader's understanding of the study's focus.
6. The introduction briefly mentions the use of a quantitative approach and hypotheses testing but lacks a clear rationale for choosing this methodology. A brief justification for selecting an explanatory research design and quantitative methods would add depth.
7. While the literature review presents findings from different studies, it could be enhanced by synthesizing these findings to draw broader conclusions. A comparative analysis of commonalities and differences in findings across studies would strengthen the narrative.
8. The majority of references seem to be from before 2018. Including more recent studies would ensure that the literature review reflects the most current state of research in the field.
9. The definition of 'performance' at the beginning is somewhat ambiguous. Providing a clear and consistent definition early on would set the stage for the subsequent discussion.
10. The review could benefit from more explicit integration of concepts across studies. For instance, connecting the economic factors discussed in different studies under a common theme would enhance conceptual clarity.
11. While the use of structured questionnaires is mentioned, details about the questionnaire's development, pilot testing, or any adjustments made based on the pilot test are not provided. A brief discussion on the validity of the questionnaire would strengthen the methodology.

12. The total population is mentioned as 1983 women micro and small-scale enterprises, but the term "population" is also used to describe the sectors. Clarifying the distinction between the total population and the sectors would enhance clarity.
13. The rationale for incorporating secondary data is not explicitly explained. Clarifying the role of secondary data in supporting or complementing the primary data would strengthen the methodological justification.
14. While the descriptive statistics are informative, providing insights into the mean values, it would be beneficial to include additional measures such as skewness or kurtosis to assess the distributional characteristics of the variables.
15. Descriptive statistics, especially the mean and standard deviation, can be sensitive to outliers. A brief discussion or identification of potential outliers and their impact on the results would enhance the robustness of the analysis.
16. The paper mentions that assumptions of the model were tested, but specific details about these tests are missing. Including a brief discussion on the results of assumption tests, such as normality or homoscedasticity, would strengthen the reliability of the inferential analysis.
17. While the paper provides the unstandardized coefficients, a more detailed interpretation of these coefficients in the context of the study would be valuable. Discussing the practical implications of a one-unit change in each variable on women's business performance would enhance the discussion.
18. The paper mentions that the remaining variation not explained by the model is due to "other variables not included in the model." Providing a brief discussion on the potential variables that were not considered would offer a more complete picture.
19. While the conclusion concisely presents the accepted or rejected hypotheses, it lacks in-depth analysis or discussion of the broader implications of these findings. Expanding on the practical implications and potential applications of the results would enhance the conclusion.
20. The conclusion could benefit from a more comprehensive integration of the findings with existing literature. This would help place the study in the broader context of research on women entrepreneurs and business performance.
21. The conclusion is somewhat binary, stating hypotheses as either accepted or rejected. Adding nuances, such as discussing the degree of impact or any potential moderating factors, would provide a more nuanced and comprehensive perspective.
22. While the limitations are identified, a more detailed discussion of the potential impact of these limitations on the study's validity and generalizability would provide a more thorough understanding for the reader.
23. Although the future research directions are clear, providing a bit more detail on the rationale behind each suggestion and how it would contribute to the existing knowledge base could strengthen this section.