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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>General Comments</p> <p>From my point of view, it is a very interesting topic and simultaneously it seems that to the best of my knowledge is an important study examines the findings on the Factors Contributing to the Failure of Female Small scale Enterprises in Dodoma City Council, Tanzania. The study adopted cross-sectional research design where structured questionnaire using open and closed ended questionnaire used to collect primary information from a sample size of 70 respondents. The researcher used mixed approaches in conducting this research, which are qualitative and quantitative. Qualitative approach used in collecting respondents' views during the interviews while quantitative approach used to collect information from respondents through questionnaires. The general finding indicated that government regulations like long license processing and unfavorable tax, scarcity of cash flow at the start-up, operating and expanding their businesses. Moreover, the results indicate that high interest rate from banks and other financial institutions affect growth of enterprises, also some male claim that women responsibility is to take-care their families instead of working to increase family income so this perception accelerates women to perform business as a part-time activity and finally lead failure. Therefore, the study recommends that women's small-scaled entrepreneur must create groups to work together in cooperatives, which can reduce tax, rent payable, interest rate from financial institutions. In addition, government should enforce laws to eradicate bureaucracy and corruption based on sex, place of origin, favoritism and infidelity from some government officers and credit officers during women asking for business tax approximation and during loan application. The paper consists of the sections: Introduction, Materials and Method, Results and Discussion, Conclusion and Recommendation.</p> <p>However, I find some recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The abstract must contains the main purpose of the paper, the research method used in the research and the main contributions. 2. It would be very useful to add in the "Introduction" section the purpose, objectives and hypothesis of the research. 3. The Literature Review cannot be missing from the paper. 4. We consider that the introduction should specify the novelty of the paper compared to other papers published in this area. 5. I consider an econometric model will increase the quality of the paper. 6. The research is well based on science and the results are in agreement with the theoretical part. From my point of view, the paper is original and the topic addressed brings added value to the specialized literature regarding regional sector. The paper is well written and easy to read. 7. The research is well based on science and the results are in agreement with the theoretical part. The model applied to the analyzed data is correctly used in the analysis undertaken, it is a strength point of this paper. 8. It is very important for the authors to analyze the correlation between the variables and to explain the number of items taken into account both in the descriptive analysis (with Kurtosis test, Jarque Berra test and interpretation, Skewness and Kurtosis interpretation) and in the correlation analysis. 9. I think that descriptive perspective is crucial to understand the context of the problem to be 	

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	<p>analyzed.</p> <p>10. I consider that the correlation analysis and the VIF test are very important in this research.</p> <p>11. In the same time, in the Research method section the authors have to apply an econometric method like regression or panel with fixed effect estimation or the random effect estimation (see for instance, Baltagi (2008), Hsiao (2014) and Andre B et al. (2015)). Besides, the corresponding tests to determine which is the best method of estimation is needed (see the Hausman test, the Breusch and Pagan (1980)´s Lagrange multiplier, the F test for fixed effects to test whether all unobservable individual effects are zero).</p> <p>12. The authors talk about the relationship between these variables, however they do not support the empirical evidence providing panel cointegration tests that are crucial (see for instance Kao (1999) panel data cointegration test, the Pedroni (1999, 2004) panel data cointegration test or the Westerlund (2005) panel data cointegration test, among others).</p> <p>We recommend the authors to number the paragraphs: 1. Introduction; 2. Literature Review; 3. Methods and Results, Discussions and Conclusions. In conclusion, the article should be thoroughly rebuilt (changes in structure recommended above). It should also be enhanced with a review of the literature adequate to the subject and a broader interpretation and commentary of the research results.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>The Manuscript needs careful English proofreading because there are some shortcomings. For instance, the article “the” is sometimes missing in front of nouns, the message in some paragraphs is not clear enough.</p>	

PART 2:

	Reviewer’s comment	Author’s comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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