

## Review of: "Economic Empowerment: Unveiling Asian Bank Performance Trends"

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This is a good paper that is publishable. However, the author(s) must address the following academic flaws that threaten the rigor of this paper:

- 1. Hypotheses were developed in the literature review section without scholarly support. NB.**Hypothetical-deductive approach** demands the author to move from *general* (theory) to *specific* (field data), not just imposing hypotheses without theoretical arguments. Please address this pressing issue.
- 2. To make matters worse, no diagnostic tests were conducted for the panel data used in this study. This is the weakest link of this paper, which means spurious results were reported and flawed conclusions were made. To address these serious weaknesses, the author(s) must compute the diagnostic tests in an effort to ensure methodological rigor.

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