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Do Formal Loans Boost SME Performance? Key Takeaways from a Meta-Analysis

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This review verifies the reproducibility of the exhibits included in the paper *"Do Formal Loans Boost SME Performance? Key Takeaways from a Meta-Analysis"*.

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Main findings

- **Every exhibit has been reproduced accurately.**

- The code was successfully executed on a new computer after:

  1. Running renv::init() to initialize the R programming environment

  2. Updating the file paths for the main R script.

- The output demonstrates consistent stability across multiple runs. Specifically, executing the code two times consecutively yielded identical results.

- The code takes approximately 1 hour to run.

- We conducted our reproducibility analysis based on the paper shared by the authors in the reproducibility package on June 17.

- **Reproducibility Summary**:

  - **Data**: All data sources are publicly available and included in the reproducibility package.
  - **Code**: All code files (from cleaning to analysis) are included in the reproducibility package.
  - **Outputs**: All outputs are generated by code included in the reproducibility package.
  - **Reproducibility verification**: Reviewers had access to the same materials in the public reproducibility package. The reviewers did not verify if publicly available data matches the data in the reproducibility package.
  - **Dependencies environment**: The reviewers created a new environment using the latest versions of dependencies available at the moment of the review.

List of exhibits and reproducibility status

Results in the Main Section of the Paper

- **Table 1** Does not apply Does not show analysis results

- **Figure 1** Reproduced.

- **Figure 2** Reproduced.

- **Figure 3** Reproduced.

- **Figure 4** Reproduced.

- **Figure 5** Reproduced.

- **Figure 6** Reproduced.

- **Figure 7** Reproduced.

- **Table 2** Reproduced.

Results in the Annex

- **Figure A1** Does not apply Does not show analysis results

- **Figure A2** Reproduced.

- **Figure A3** Reproduced.

- **Figure A4** Reproduced.

- **Figure A5** Reproduced.

- **Figure A6** Reproduced.

Reproduction Environment

Paper exhibits were reproduced on a computer with the following specifications:

- OS: Windows 11 Enterprise

- Processor: Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-1145G7 CPU @ 2.60GHz

- Memory available: 15.7 GB

- Software version: R 4.4.0