

Review of: "Digitalization of research: do ICT improve scientific production in developing countries?"

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Thank you for allowing me to review the study titled "Digitalization of research: do ICT improve scientific production in developing countries?"

Here are some suggestions to improve the quality of the paper:

1. The paper discusses an issue or phenomenon with relatively outdated data. The review presents the problem's phenomenon up to the year 2016, which is 7 years from now. Various other studies that have addressed the same issue may have been conducted by many researchers and should not be overlooked.
2. The urgency of the research is not clearly evident. Generally, this could be presented in the background.
3. The explanation in the conclusion section of this paper tends to be a summary of the research results, and a comprehensive conclusion from the paper is not yet apparent. The paper's contribution to both scholarly and practical aspects is not clear. Limitations and future research are crucial parts of a study. Scholars will rely on the research findings. After carefully reading the presented paper, I see several limitations - if not addressed, the quality of the research may be perceived as declining by other scholars.

Finally, I suggest the author to reorganize the conducted study without disregarding the research that other scholars have done, considering that the case raised is already too old