

# Review of: "Mediating Role of Outsourcing on The Relationship Between Lean Manufacturing Practices and Profitability"

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## REVIEW RESULT

**Title :** *Mediating Role of Outsourcing on The Relationship Between Lean Manufacturing Practices and Profitability*

**Originality** *Ok*

**Scientific Quality** *Ok*

**The relevance of the title to the content** *Ok*

**General Comment** *More discussion on the more up-to-date literature review chapter by adding references from the last five years.*

**Abstract** *Clear*

**Introduction** *Lack of justification on the scope of the study - why mediation affects profitability in manufacturing companies, compared to other industries. While the main factors are not explained as considerations that influence profitability, such as Leverage, Liquidity, Total Asset Turnover, and company size, they may have a positive or negative effect on profitability and need a clear explanation.*

**Literature Review** *It is clear, but we need to explain what operational variables are used and support it by taking the latest references as updates on the issues discussed to enrich the discussion.*

**Methodology** *Ok*

**Result** *Finding Ok*

**Discussions:** *The discussion should support that of previous studies synchronously or otherwise. However, this paper has no sub-topics to discuss. Please add, including taking more recent references. Empirical evidence needs to be added from analysis and previous literary data. For example, The results show that outsourcing significantly mediates the relationship between improving manufacturing practices and profitability. So, it is still lacking in analysis that is supported by previous literature.*

**Conclusion** *There are no suggestions for further research. Please add.*

**References / Bibliography:** *It needs to add the latest reference. In the list, there is no reference from 2020.*

**Reviewer's Decision Comment** *This paper is ok, but it needs some amendments in several parts, especially the introduction, literature review and discussion.*

**Decision is Major Revision**

