

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

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The authors have good knowledge in the field, but the document needs some revisions:

1. The paper requires minor English language editing and some proof reading.
2. More recent references must be cited
3. In the introduction, the following sentence must be reformulated: 'This article is structured under specific headings', and the following words must not be cited: the summary, the introduction and the references
4. Separate the title: The literature review and development of hypotheses into two paragraphs:
 - First paragraph it will be the literature review
 - Second paragraph: analysis of existing models or analysis of the existing, and there you must cite:
 - the Leagile model (Christopher and Touill, 2001)
 - Mixed models
 - Andbased on the analysis of the existing situation, it is necessary to develop the combined model composed of lean practices and outsourcing, as well as the hypotheses identified
5. In the methodology part, the questionnaire must be tested by a group of experts (10 people) not only two
6. Add a subsection in the methodology, where you must define all the median tests used in the data analysis: regression and correlation analysis as well as the steps used and the Sobel test
7. For the conclusion, it is short and requires perspectives