

# Review of: "The Role of Personal Traits in Financing Decisions: Emotional Biases as a Mediating Variable – An Empirical Study of a Sample of French Companies"

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Thank you for the opportunity to be part of your research journey.

Your research theme is very relevant and likely to add value. However, you may wish to revisit the following points:

- You mentioned French companies in the heading, but there is no further reference to them throughout the entire article. What kind of French companies are you referring to, as this might be a variable or mediating factor and/or attract a certain personality type?
- Further to the above, and as indicated by some of the other reviewers, there is no reference to your participants or sample. More information about your sample would have been very interesting, as it could have added substance to your research and paved the way forward for more on the topic. You may want to consider the level of your sample within the respective companies; for example, a financial decision made at an entry level may be less significant than one made at an executive level, and therefore certain traits might count in their favor, and vice versa. Additionally, consider whether the financial decisions are made pertaining to corporate finances per se and/or whether the chosen sample has the authority to make corporate finance decisions. Also, what method was used to compile your sample?
- You indicated that you controlled for factors such as age and gender but did not share the results or assess their impact.
- Ensure consistency in the use of terms or constructs. Avoid using terms interchangeably, such as personal and personality, funding and financial decisions, emotions and feelings, etc.
- Consider using fewer constructs and instead elaborate more extensively on them, rather than having heavily loaded constructs.
- Be cautious when using constructs such as psychopathy without proper diagnostic tools.
- When referencing in text, decide whether to use "and" or "&" for multiple sources and maintain consistency throughout.
- Revisit your reference list: You may want to adhere to one referencing style, such as APA, only, for consistency purposes.