

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

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To have a chance of being published, the paper need to be improved. To make this work better, consider the following suggestions:

1. The introduction needs a comprehensive explanation of research gaps, theoretical background on manufacturing firms in Uganda, justification of using mediation variable, motivation, and contributions of the paper.
2. A literature review should be up-to-date so your reader knows the current state of the field. Most of the references cited in the paper are old.
3. The literature review needs to be extended with more relevant studies so it leads readers naturally and coherently to your research objectives. Also, it needs to include studies that show the relationship between research variables.
4. The methodology section lacks clarity and the statistical procedures followed by the authors. Also, it needs to justify the methods you chose, including the sampling technique and measurement indicators of the constructs. What items were used to measure the constructs? What is the rationale for choosing them? Where did they come from? How do they link to the literature? Did you use items from previous studies? If so, can you justify where they come from and why you chose these rather than others? If not, how did you design your items? Are these supported by prior work?
5. The discussion part lacks in-depth analysis of the results and lacks deep insights into aspects of current gaps, empirical and theoretical implications, and future directions.