

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

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This is an interesting research topic, but this article needs a major revision.

- 1.The English expression needs to be revised to enhance the clarity and readability of the text.
- 2.The Introduction is too brief, as is the rest of this article. I would have liked to see more of the background, novelty, and practical implications of this study in the Introduction because at the moment it seems that the necessity for this study is weak.
- 3.Please explain the research gap more specifically.
- 4.The description of the literature review fails to provide sufficient support for the research hypothesis. What is the relationship between the variables defined?
- 5.There is a lack of detail on both the research method and procedures, and
- 6.Please add a more specific description of the variable indicators as well as the questionnaire items. If possible, please provide as much detailed information about the respondents as possible to support the validity of the questionnaire.
- 7.Clarity how the reliability and validity of the questionnaire were assessed.
- 8.Discussion is extremely unstandardized, and the results are not adequately explained. It is important to not only discuss the results of one's own study, but also to compare them with other studies.
- 9.More recent references must be cited.