

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

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The authors' efforts of conducting research and writing a manuscript about the topic are appreciated. However, the manuscript needs a lot of improvement. I hope they will come up with a better one next time.

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