

Review of: "Supply Chain and Digital Transformation of the Automotive Manufacturing Company during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Case Study of PT. X"

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Currently, the paper lacks a clear “why” to it. The authors should state clearly the new problem or conflict or question that they are trying to solve. Right now, it looks just like a series of observations and analysis on a company undergoing uncertainty in its environment. The observations and analysis as offered are not novel, and as such do not contribute new findings to the literature.

Usually, a novel research question need to be stated first, and then data or observations obtained to answer the question in unique ways.

On a related note, once a research question is posed, the next step is usually to adopt a theoretical lens to understand the issue, and used to analyze the subsequent data or observations. For instance, SCM studies that look at uncertainties have used CAS (complex adaptive systems) concepts to better understand what happened, and to offer recommendations. Any theoretical perspective can be used as long as the authors can justify using it for their particular study.

The paper also need to consider if its findings can be generalized to other companies or other situations. This is to make it useful to either practitioners or academics.

A minor matter is the use of the source “PT.X”. It is not clearly described what it is :- is it a company, or a person, or a few persons providing information about a company? Also note that there is an actual company “PT-X” out there (as found in a short Google search), so it can be confusing to readers use “PT.X” as a pseudonym.