Peer Review

Review of: "Assessing AI Adoption and Digitalization in SMEs: A Framework for Implementation"

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The subject is topical and interesting. However, a few changes should be made to improve the abstract:

• The methodology is not described in the abstract;

• The abstract fails to identify the originality of the results. What are the main results of the study? What should be the main implications at the theoretical and practical perspectives? Please clarify.

The introduction fails to identify the gap in the literature that the paper intends to overcome and therefore to justify the selection of the paper.

The research questions are not supported by academic background. The introduction is purely based on authors' opinions!

Please make the introduction academic.

Almost the same comment applies to the literature review section: very few references, and the review should allow for identifying clearly the gap in the reviewed literature that the paper intends to explore, verify, apply, contribute to, advance it, etc.

The results lack a practical framework. The discussion should be consistent.

The conclusion should present each result and compare it to similar studies on the subject in order to underline the added value of the paper. But here there's no conclusion.

• Suggested reference: https://doi.org/10.1080/00208825.2022.2072067

Declarations

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