

Peer Review

Review of: "From Silicon to Services: How Intellectual Capital Shapes Taiwan's Economic Transformation"

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The manuscript's structure is clear, and the research questions are straightforward.

To strengthen the manuscript, the contribution and the empirical approach need to be made much more precise. At the moment, the paper reads largely as an expanded narrative review while also claiming "empirical analysis," but it is not clear what dataset is used, what the sample is, what the unit of analysis is, or what methods identify the reported "impact" of HC, SC, and RC. A short section that clearly states the data sources, time period, variables for each IC component, and the analysis approach would make the results verifiable and reduce the risk of over-interpretation.

The Taiwan focus is a good angle, but the sector comparisons would benefit from clearer justification and tighter alignment between claims and evidence. Several sections generalize from banking or non-Taiwan contexts, so it would help to separate what is specifically supported by Taiwan-based studies versus what is general background.

Finally, the discussion of barriers to IC management and the policy implications is plausible, but it would be stronger if grounded in the paper's own evidence (or clearly labeled as interpretation). Overall, the manuscript has a solid topic and an organized presentation, but it needs a clearer methodological core, clearer use of Taiwan-specific evidence, and more disciplined wording about what the results can and cannot conclude.

Declarations

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