

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

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Although the topic is essential, the research has yet to be systematically and deeply developed. However, the unsystematic nature of the research dramatically limits the possibilities of considering the obtained results in other samples.

The manuscript needs a more explicit and well-defined research problem. The research problem should clearly state the gap in the existing literature or the specific issue the study aims to address. With a well-defined research problem, it becomes easier for readers to understand the significance and relevance of the study.

The methods of analysis need to be clearly articulated and specified. Consider PLS-SEM structural model evaluation as a methodology. The regression model still needs to be fully developed. It is vital to improve the **selection of variables and use control variables** that are more measurable **than general mediating variables**. It may lead to problems in running the regressive model. Besides, the analysis should employ a recent smart-pls 4 to utilize Gaussian copula (GC) estimations since it helps avoid the endogeneity.

Finally, the results and discussion section must be plausible since few scientific innovations exist. This section is highly descriptive and reduces the topic's importance in the case.