

Review of: "Digitalization of research: do ICT improve scientific production in developing countries?"

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1. The Introduction Section does not clearly support the main analysis of the test in the article. It needs to explain the relationships between variables used (internet/ICT diffusion, democracy, corruption, mining rent, human capital, or GDP per capita) in order to match the main variables of the test.
2. The term ICT diffusion, which was explained in the Introduction, has been interchangeably used with only the internet. Explain why the internet only can be represented as ICT diffusion.
3. Although the article mentioned the difference between developing and developed countries in knowledge production, the results of the test are the same as those in developed countries. The results of the test are consistent with the existing studies in developed countries. If so, explain why this article and test are needed and what aspect is differentiated from the existing studies.
4. Separate results from discussions into another section to make the discussion section strong.
5. Insert policy implications that are drawn from the results and discussion.
6. Overall, this article should be strengthened by revising its structure, that is, connecting the Introduction with the test design more logically and explaining the test results explicitly with the existing studies.
7. The current title of the article does not match the content of the article. Change the title to reflect the main points of the article.