

Review of: "The Iron Cage of Internal Efficiency: A Content Analysis of Digital Transformation Strategy Direction in Swedish Regions"

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The manuscript offers a detailed exploration of digital transformation strategies in the context of Swedish regions. It addresses a significant and timely subject in the field of public sector digitalization, with a particular focus on the interplay between efficiency and innovation. The methodological approach, involving content analysis and Boolean coding of strategy documents, is well-chosen and effectively executed. The clarity in presenting the objectives and findings is commendable, making the manuscript a substantial contribution to the existing literature on digital transformation in the public sector.

Recommendation:

However, before considering the manuscript for publication, I recommend that the author address several areas that could enhance the overall quality and impact of the work:

Conciseness and Structure: The manuscript is extensive and could benefit from being more concise. A more focused presentation of key findings would aid readability and emphasize the core contributions of the research.

Generalization of Results: Expanding on how the findings might apply beyond the Swedish context or drawing comparisons with similar studies in other regions would broaden the manuscript's relevance and appeal.

Practical Implications: The practical implications of the research, particularly for policymakers and administrators in the public sector, could be further detailed to enhance the manuscript's applicability.

In conclusion, while the manuscript is of significant scholarly value and contributes meaningfully to our understanding of digital transformation in the public sector, addressing these recommendations would enhance its clarity, breadth, and impact. Therefore, I suggest publication contingent upon the incorporation of these revisions.

Sincerely,

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