

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

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Note: This is the correct rating, as there was a mistake in the selection of stars.

The authors' efforts to develop the topic and bring the study of mediation forward as an innovation are evident. However, although the topic may be interesting, much improvement is needed in the text.

- 1- The summary needs to be better developed to arouse the reader's curiosity and interest in reading the research;
- 2- The introduction is superficial and does not provide a contextualization of the topic. It is necessary to bring recent quotations into the text and work on them better in order to connect the ideas and develop the theme;
- 3- Expand your references and look for more recent work (2019-2023);
- 4- I recommend searching for articles in databases such as Scopus, ScienceDirect, CAPES portal...
- 5- Try to cite authors who are references on the subject, for example: on outsourcing Lacity, Willcocks and Poleto;
- 6- By delving deeper into the theory, it is possible to increase the number of hypotheses and thus broaden the discussions, which will make the study more robust and its theoretical contributions clearer;
- 7- The methodology needs to be improved - it must be clear to the reader all the stages of your research (choice of target audience, method, inclusion and exclusion criteria...);
- 8- Improve the presentation of the data and broaden the discussions by bringing in authors who corroborate your findings and authors who counter your findings