

Peer Review

Review of: "Driving Factors for the Adoption of Blockchain: A Focus on Startup Entrepreneurs"

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This paper presents a comprehensive study on the factors influencing blockchain adoption by startup entrepreneurs. It integrates frameworks like TAM, RTAM, UTAUT, and TRI to propose a new conceptual model (SEBAM), breaking the adoption process into four stages: initial, perception, intention, and actual usage. The literature review is extensive and identifies a significant gap in research regarding blockchain adoption in startups. The paper offers valuable insights for developers, policymakers, and academics, providing a framework for future empirical studies.

Recommendation: Accept with minor revisions. The hypotheses and methodology could be clarified further for greater transparency.

Hypotheses Clarification:

1. **Link to Literature:** Clearly connect the hypotheses to specific studies that support them.
2. **Definitions:** Define terms like "initial components" and "perception" more clearly.
3. **Testing:** Explain how the hypotheses will be empirically tested, specifying variables or indicators.

Methodology Transparency:

1. **Literature Search:** Provide more details on the inclusion/exclusion criteria, databases used, and the process of selecting sources.
2. **Source Quality:** Specify how many sources were reviewed, excluded, and why.
3. **Bias Mitigation:** Detail how potential biases in the NLR process were minimized.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.