

Peer Review

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

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The paper titled *"Driving Factors for the Adoption of Blockchain: A Focus on Startup Entrepreneurs"* by Joshua Ebere Chukwuere presents a valuable conceptual contribution to understanding the adoption of blockchain technology among startup entrepreneurs. By employing a narrative literature review (NLR) and integrating well-established models—TAM, RTAM, UTAUT, and TRI—the study proposes a comprehensive framework outlining the key stages of adoption: initial exposure, perception, intention, and actual usage. It thoughtfully identifies both enabling factors and barriers such as skill shortages, trust issues, limited capital, and policy gaps. The focused approach on startups and the integration of multiple theoretical lenses enhance the paper's relevance and originality. Overall, the paper is well-structured, insightful, and contributes meaningfully to the literature on technology adoption in entrepreneurial ecosystems. I recommend the paper be accepted without revision.

Declarations

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