

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

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The paper need to be improved on academic research rigor. Here are a few sample papers that used empirical analysis that could be useful to the authors:

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