Review of: "The Role of Think Tanks in Megatrends Analysis and Future Research"

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This paper is interesting and the topic is relevant. However the following critical remarks can be presented:

1. The literature review of this paper is not sufficient and especially previous megatrend studies are not mentioned. For example, classical megatrend review study of prof. Richard Slaughter (1993) is not mentioned in this manuscript. There is need to add 10-15 key references. This limitation should eliminated in the next edition of a manuscript.

2. Methodology, research design and methods are not presented clearly. The research problem and how this study contributes to the megatrend studies field should explained in a better way. How this study fulfills some research gap, should be explained.

3. Findings and discussion are not not very clear in this study. Empirical results and scientific discussion should be more comprehensive and more analytical. Conclusion section of this article is very short and does not include convincing arguments. Think Tanks are typically normative organisations and their megatrend lists are not always empirically rooted to any empirical criteria of powerful trends. Some megatrends are having qualitative criteria and some are having quantitative criteria, but this study does not discuss much about these kinds of empirical criteria.

4. The headline is quite general and not very exact. It could be improved, which could help authors to sharpen their focus and associated megatrend analyses. Thus, authors should define their objectives, novelty aspects and their actual contribution more clearly in the beginning of their article, and focus on their key topic more critically. For example, discussion about antitrends and anti megatrends should be added to this study, which is as such interesting, but not fully sufficiently performed.