

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

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Topic

The topic is appropriate for scientific investigation.

Abstract

The abstract contains too much introductory sentences that are somewhat not relevant. Creating problem in the abstract is unconventional. The results are succinctly presented but quoting of figures in the findings is not appropriate. No recommendation was stated as part of the abstract.

Introduction

There is no strong statement of problem justifying the conduct of this empirical study. There are no logical arguments establishing the relationships among the constructs/variables considered in the context of the study. The citations supporting the literature are somewhat too old.

Literature review and hypothesis development

Although hypothesis was developed, no supporting theory/theories were included in the formulation. The study fails to first establish the direct relationship before coming up with the mediation-role hypothesis.

Methodology

The research design was somewhat appropriate but given the predictive orientation of the study, explanatory research design seems more appropriate. The data collection instrument and method are good but the study needs to show the sources of the scales used for measuring the constructs considered under the study. There is no scientific means for the determination of the sample size used for the study.

Results and Discussion

The results are succinctly presented. Discussion is not solid as it fails to link the findings to empirical studies. There is limited implications made for the study.

The paper should be accepted for publication but should be subjected to major revision.