

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

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The author(s) struggle in conducting research is highly appreciated. However, this paper still has many improvements to be made, including:

- 1. Abstract must meet the requirements.
- 2. The author(s) has not presented the gaps in the previous study with the current research, because from there it will raise questions and research objectives.
- 3. The author (s) needs to add a more concrete explanation about Uganda SMEs and profitability, outsourcing, and lean manufacturing practices, including practical references and relevant academic journals. The theoretical background is added with theoretical and empirical studies as the adoption of hypothesis development in research.
- 4. The author(s) needs to display the constructs/items, and sources used in the research questionnaire.
- 5. Study findings to be expanded, results and discussions added according to research assumptions and previous research.
- 6. Add practical and managerial implications.
- 7. Suggestions for further research are explained at the end of the paper.