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3. **OVERVIEW AND GENERAL RECOMMENDATION:**

I think if you would like to develop the research model like the performance in supermarket industry as the scientist perspective should more understanding about the research gap and the business gap. (Jaworski, 2018). Why? Actually, in this manuscript, first; I could not find the research gap base on the previous organizational research that it discussion about the management of supermarket- performance base on the capabilities operational management, that could make some derivates from it for develop the sate of the art form this research of. I just suggest that this manuscript should develop conducted within the organizational theory such as; the goal setting theory, the service dominant logic theory and the upper echelons theory
that would help to develop the new novelties and the great state of the art from this research model not only the Agency theory. The second of the gap was the business gap from the performance of the supermarket industry that base on the actual- business data that could showed the real problem in business in supermarket industries. Furthermore, the stressing of the moderating effect in this case is really important? I think in the long-run business was many factors and parameter that could be latent variables to make measure to increase the organizational or firm’s performance. As a moderating variable in management area the capabilities of operational management more important latent and Scientific’s variables than the demographics conditions as an embedded factor.

Indeed, I appreciate this manuscript to make some study about the demographic’s areas, but I have noted within management science this research could evolved the operational- management side more comprehensiveness. Further, if the experiment research was applied that the research-procedure conduct within to pursue the firm performance base on KPIs of organizational performance within 50% male and 50% female top-managers to applied the some business- strategy for the supermarket and also compared the performance it will yield the business data to measured.

Hence, I think if the manuscript could evolve within the latent variables model as the SERQUAL MODEL, retail productivity should conduct within structural equation model, for yield the best linear un-bias estimate. I found the KPIs studied in this manuscript base on operational side to pursue the performance in the supermarket industry from the organizational form could develop within the capability of an operational management, the top managers performance within the gender performance as moderating variable. Therefore, I recommended to develop for this manuscript to evolve the capabilities of operational- side management in business. Actually, I would explain my concerns base on management science as below.

4. MAJOR COMMENTS:
   a. The Introductions section;
      “There are even inconsistent findings on this issue in other industries”; in page 2, there is a research gap that could be develop that it was conducted to find the state of the art and the new novelties to inquiry new research model that researcher fulfil with new concept on the business strategy to attempt the firm performance.
      “The data also show whether each supermarket is franchised or vertically integrated, and whether each establishment is run by a man or a woman,” in page 3, do you have the equivalent- business data among gender or how much the proportion was?

   b. Literature review section; base on an Agency theory, “In our case, it may be argued that managers of vertically integrated supermarkets have fewer incentives to work harder than franchisees, thereby reducing an establishment’s performance”. In page 4, could develop to evolve and explain firm governance with delineating firm owner as the principals that hire managers to carry out the long-run business of operating the supermarket. If the incentive become more crucial, the researcher should develop the goal setting theory.

      A qualitative study in literature review not relevant to discuss in page 6.
When the manuscript was discussing and review about the service quality pp 10, I think not only within Servqual model as practice theory but the scholars should develop and explore the service dominant logic theory, to evolve the service.

The firms were operated within highly competitive settings, could approach within the Resources- advantage theory, base on the well supermarket- resources (how make the structures, bundles and leverages) to attempt the market positions.

c. Data and research Methodology section;

The regression model- with algorithmic- data in pp.14 could not yield until the dimension- parameter for estimate the score of service quality. Hence, the scholar would conduct within the research model of the structural equation model of the latent variables.

d. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION section;

In pp.15, the result more informatively if the entire regressions equations could be delivering in the manuscript and the discussion will more interesting that could compare with the previous result research in the same theme.

The classical assumptions of the multiple regression not appear.

5. MINOR COMMENTS:

What are the Research contributions pp.15, to the Agency theory.
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