

External Review Form (version of 2020-09-01)

External Review - Round 1 (ver. 2020-03-06)

Please express your evaluation by using the rating scales, and by explaining with detailed comments. Authors will appreciate it and they will be able to benefit from your comments. Thank you!

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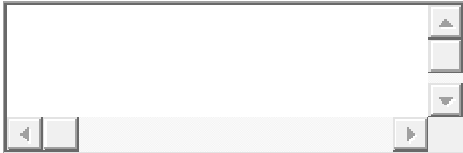
1. ORIGINALITY, NOVELTY AND CONTRIBUTION:

OBJECTIVE: Is the objective of the article proper? Is it met? Are the purpose and rationale for the article clearly stated?

*NOVELTY: Is the research problem original and a kind of novelty or is it just the compilation of other studies? Does the article bring something new? Does the paper make a (significant) contribution to the research theme? Did the Author explain **in the introduction** what is the originality and novelty of this article? If not, we can not accept this article for publication.*

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2. LITERATURE REVIEW: PRIOR STUDIES AND HYPOTHESES DEVELOPMENT:

COMPREHENSIVE PRIOR LITERATURE: Are there appropriate and adequate references to related and previous work? Does the paper include a good review of literature in the researched field? Is the literature review comprehensive, complex and logic? Are there main important authors included? Did the Author show the results of other researchers who have dealt with the same problem so far? Were the previous research results identified in the article? different options/perspectives from the literature covered in the reviewed article? Did the Author position himself/herself among the previous researchers?

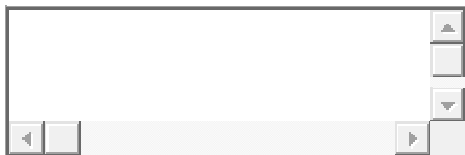
HYPOTHESES DEVELOPMENT: Are the hypotheses "retrieved" from the prior empirical studies and prior literature? We suggest to put the hypothesis in the literature review section as the hypotheses should be developed and based on previous studies and the literature!

QUALITY OF LIETRATURE: Is only English-language literature used? Is the used literature mainly from Web of Science and Scopus? What about the use of recent studies inside the references these published for last five years? Are

*If the quality level of the literature review must be improved, please provide the Author with **further suggested references to be used/cited:***

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3. METHODOLOGY, RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS:

*RESEARCH DESIGN: Please comment on the accuracy of the research procedure. Is the research design appropriate and the methods adequately described? **Has the Author used the best methods available?** Is the presentation of the research method accurate?*

*ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS: What research methods were used? Qualitative (in-depth interviews) or quantitative (correlations, regression)? Are they properly used? Is their application correct? Are they **enough advanced** for the scientific article? Please remember that EBER does NOT accept simple descriptive statistics only. Are the research hypotheses verified with appropriate statistical tests or econometric modelling?*

DATA: Did the Author use reliable sources of data? Primary or secondary sources or data? Is the sample big enough? Is the sample representative? How was it selected?

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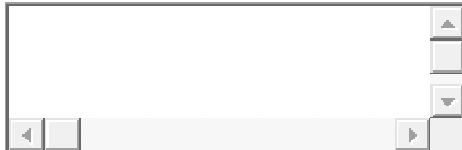
6. OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR THE AUTHOR(S):

Formal aspects: Title, Content, Structure, Introduction, Conclusion and others.

Clarity of Content: Is the article well organized and comprehensively described?

Quality of Presentation: Are the results clearly presented and the conclusions supported by the results?

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7. Scientific Soundness:

Is the article suitable for its research excellence?

If not, this article can not be published in its current form.

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- yes
- can be improved
- must be improved
- insufficient to be accepted for publication

8. PUBLICATION RECOMMENDATION

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- ACCEPT SUBMISSION
- REVISIONS REQUIRED - MINOR CHANGES
- REVISIONS REQUIRED - MAJOR CHANGES
- RESUBMIT FOR REVIEW
- RESUBMIT ELSEWHERE = DECLINE SUBMISSION
- DECLINE SUBMISSION
- SEE COMMENTS (Dear Reviewer, please DO NOT use this option, unless it is absolutely necessary and you really don't know what to do with the reviewed article).

9. Do you want to see the revised article again prior the final acceptance for publication?

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No



Yes | RESUBMIT FOR REVIEW

10. Remarks only for the Editorial Board

(optional, they will not be revealed to the Author/Authors)