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Identification and Prioritization of Factors Affecting the Cultural Model of Good Governance in Bodies Overseeing Government Performance Using Fuzzy ANP Method

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The introduction could be strengthened by clearly defining key terms such as "good governance" and "cultural model" early in the text. Additionally, consider framing the specific research gap this study aims to address within the first two paragraphs to immediately engage the reader with the relevance of the research.

The selection criteria for experts involved in the Delphi study should be detailed further. For instance, discuss why a sample size of 10 was deemed sufficient and provide justification for the use of purposive judgment sampling in the context of this research's objectives.

Expand the literature review to include a discussion on previous applications of the Fuzzy ANP method in similar governance research, highlighting what sets your methodological approach apart. This will contextualize your study within existing research and demonstrate innovation.

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Elaborate on the design and validation of the Delphi questionnaire used in your study. Include information on how the questionnaire items were developed and tested for reliability and validity.

Increase the transparency of your analytical process by providing a step-by-step breakdown of how the Fuzzy ANP method was applied to the data, including any software used for calculations. This detail will help in replicating your study and verifying results.

In the discussion section, consider exploring how cultural factors specific to the Iranian context influence the governance models. Comparative analysis with other geopolitical areas might enrich the discussion and relevance of your findings.

Several references within the manuscript appear outdated or not directly related to the core topics discussed. Update your literature with more recent studies to ensure that all cited works contribute directly to your research narrative.

Authors revised the manuscript and uploaded the new document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Refine the research objectives to make them more specific. For example, state the aspects of good governance you are examining and how these relate to the cultural model you aim to explore. Clarity here will enhance the reader's understanding of your study's scope.

Provide a more detailed justification for the choice of experts in the qualitative phase. Discuss the criteria for expertise, such as specific knowledge areas or professional experience, to clarify how they contribute to a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter.

The manuscript could benefit from a deeper analysis of the interdependencies between the identified factors. Consider discussing how these interdependencies might affect the implementation of good governance practices in different cultural contexts.

Improve clarity in the presentation of findings by using more detailed tables and figures that visually map out the relationships and priorities identified through the Fuzzy ANP process.

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