Factors Affecting the Performance of the LARG Supply Chain Using Qualitative Methods in Poultry Farming in Gilan Province

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In the introduction, the citation (Anvari, 2021) lacks context. Provide a brief explanation of how Anvari's work on LARG supply chain paradigms specifically relates to your study. This will help readers understand the relevance of past research.

The statement, "Interviews continued until no new ideas emerge indicating theoretical saturation," should specify the criteria used to determine saturation. This helps validate the methodological rigor.

In the findings section, the open coding process resulted in "128 more abstract concepts." Provide examples of these concepts to illustrate the progression from raw data to abstract categories.

Figure 1, the conceptual model, lacks a description in the text. Include a detailed explanation of the model components and their relationships to enhance comprehension.

The interpretation of Table 1 and subsequent tables should be more detailed. For example, explain why specific factor loadings are significant and how they inform the study's conclusions.

The discussion section should better integrate findings with existing literature. For instance, directly relate your results on "customer relationship management" to the cited work of Beamon (1999).

The conclusion should succinctly summarize the key findings. Consider structuring this section to reiterate the most critical factors identified and their implications for the LARG supply chain.

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1.2.   *Reviewer 2*

Reviewer:

Clearly state the research gap in the introduction. While it is implied, a direct statement such as, "However, there is a lack of comprehensive studies exploring these factors specifically in the context of Gilan Province's poultry farming," would strengthen the argument.

The methodology section states, "Sampling of cities in Gilan Province in this stage of the research is purposeful." Elaborate on why these specific cities were chosen and how they represent the broader population.

Provide more detail on the interview process. For example, "Interviews were conducted in person, ensuring a consistent approach with each participant." This adds transparency and reproducibility to the study.

Expand on the practical implications of your findings. How can poultry farmers in Gilan Province apply these insights to improve supply chain performance?

Address the limitation regarding generalizability more explicitly. For example, "Due to the regional focus on Gilan Province, the findings may not be generalizable to other areas with different environmental and economic conditions."

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