

Design and Elaboration of a Predictive Factors Model for Entrepreneurial Opportunities in International Companies Using a Mixed Methods Approach

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

"Numerous studies have been conducted on the factors affecting opportunity identification..." – Please specify key studies with proper citations to strengthen the statement and provide a clearer context for your research.

"The research strategy in the qualitative phase employs grounded theory according to Strauss and Corbin..." – Explain why grounded theory was chosen as the methodology. Justify its suitability for your research questions.

Ensure all terms in the table (e.g., "Method-Based Deficiency") are clearly defined either in the text or in footnotes for readers unfamiliar with specific terminology.

"After determining the central category by re-coding the data..." – Provide more details on the process of re-coding and the criteria used to determine the central category.

"The research propositions can be presented as follows..." – Clearly state each proposition as a hypothesis for clarity and alignment with standard scientific reporting.

Include a brief explanation of each construct (e.g., "Causal Factors," "Central Phenomenon") for readers who might not be familiar with these specific terms.

"This research is no exception and faced some limitations associated with conducting mixed-method studies..." – Detail specific limitations and how they were addressed to enhance the study's credibility.

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"Iran does not hold a favorable position in global rankings..." – Expand on what specific rankings and indicators are being referred to. This will help readers understand the context and importance of the problem.

"Therefore, the solution to many unemployment crises in the country lies in enhancing individuals' and companies' capabilities..." – Provide empirical evidence or case studies supporting this claim.

"The reliability of the questionnaire was confirmed using composite reliability and Cronbach's alpha..." – Include the actual values of Cronbach's alpha and composite reliability for transparency.

"305 initial concepts were extracted..." – Consider adding a table summarizing these concepts for clarity and better understanding.

"Causal conditions defined as a set of events and conditions affecting the central category..." – Provide specific examples of these causal conditions to illustrate how they impact entrepreneurial opportunities.

"Contextual conditions which provide the space for the implementation and realization of entrepreneurial opportunity recognition..." – Discuss how these contextual conditions interact with the central phenomenon in more detail.

"Intervening conditions considered as the broader structural context..." – Clarify what is meant by "broader structural context" and provide examples or case studies.

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