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| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | Appropriate application of the SLR technique (such as - Three stage SLR) and a detailed disclosure of the process would certainly be sufficient to make this paper scientifically fit.  Please, see the following papers to understand the three stage SLR process:  Paper 1:  Brereton, P., Kitchenham, B. A., Budgen, D., Turner, M., & Khalil, M. (2007). Lessons from applying the systematic literature review process within the software engineering domain. Journal of systems and software, 80(4), 571-583.  Paper 2:  Kitchenham, B., & Brereton, P. (2013). A systematic review of systematic review process research in software engineering. Information and software technology, 55(12), 2049-2075.  To understand how SLR can be more appropriately applied, you may see the following papers:  Srivastava, A., & Thaichon, P. (2023). What motivates consumers to be in line with online shopping?: a systematic literature review and discussion of future research perspectives. Asia Pacific Journal of Marketing and Logistics, 35(3), 687-725.  I strongly recommend that the author/s change/s the paper and include/s a detailed description of the SLR process as shown or, reflected in the aforementioned papers.  Moreover, the research Gap is not identified appropriately. The author/s must conduct a thorough literature review and indicate the deficiencies of the papers studied along with the type of gap that still exists due to the collective deficiencies of those papers. Inclusion of a literature review table may help the author/s to communicate the gap more effectively with the readers.  Additionally, the chronology of the chapters should be changed to make the paper more coherent. A separate Methodology chapter must be included. The author/s should remember that the proposed research agenda of this paper is strikingly different from the methodology adopted by the paper.  I, however, am happy to see that the author/s tried to come up with a conceptual model. I recommend that the figure is drawn again to repair the noise that the dotted lines have created in it. I request the author/s to see the aforementioned papers to see some examples of how it can be done. | Literature review part enriched  Noted |
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