



REVIEWER'S REPORT

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How Self-Efficacy and Optimism affect U.S. Microbusinesses

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is
- Accept after minor revision.....
- Accept after major revision√.....
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality			√	
Techn. Quality			√	
Clarity			√	
Significance		√		

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Comments (*Use additional pages, if required*)

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General Suggestions:

1. Improvement in Clarity and Accuracy of Sentences

Suggestion: Some sentences in the article are unclear or could be written more concisely and effectively.

Example of revision:

X "Using a survey data and Smart PLS we use a simple model to compare the effects of each attribute on performance."

√ "Using survey data and Smart PLS, we employ a simple model to compare the effects of each attribute on performance."

X "The data were collected for microbusinesses in the U.S."

√ "We collected data from microbusinesses in the U.S."

2. Improvement in Grammar and Consistency

Suggestion: Some parts contain grammatical errors and inconsistencies in terminology usage.

Example of revision:

X "Self efficacy is far more important to the small firm than optimism is."

√ "Self-efficacy is significantly more important to small firms than optimism."

X "Our hypotheseses are:"

√ "Our hypotheses are:"

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3. Improvement in Structure and Argument Flow

Suggestion: The argument flow in some sections can be refined for better logical coherence and readability.

Example of revision:

X "Optimism does not appear to have a positive relationship with performance in a microbusiness. Our H1 hypothesis was not supported. Self efficacy does have a positive relationship with performance providing support for H2 and H3."

✓ "The findings indicate that optimism does not positively influence microbusiness performance, thus rejecting H1. In contrast, self-efficacy demonstrates a strong positive relationship with performance, supporting H2 and H3."

4. Consistency in Terminology and Formatting

Suggestion: Ensure consistency in using terms such as *self-efficacy* and *microbusiness* throughout the article.

Example of revision:

X "Self efficacy is an important trait, while micro-businesses require strong leadership."

✓ "Self-efficacy is an important trait, while microbusinesses require strong leadership."

5. Improvement in Methodology and Data Explanation

Suggestion: The explanation of methodology and data should be clearer and more informative.

Example of revision:

X "Our sample was drawn from a database owned by a commercial survey company. The database contained a set of small business owners."

✓ "We obtained our sample from a commercial survey database consisting of small business owners."

X "64 percent of these businesses had been open for more than 2 yrs."

✓ "Sixty-four percent of these businesses had been operating for over two years."