





Determining Third- and Fourth-Party Logistics Services Based on Green Supply Chain Management Using Cross-Efficiency and Multi-Criteria Decision Making

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In the paragraph starting with "Despite the significance of the economy," the sentence "logistics has become a significant concern for senior managers, especially in military organizations" could benefit from a more direct connection between military applications and green supply chain management.

The sentence, "The final weights of the main and sub-indicators for sustainable fourth-party logistics providers are shown in Table 4," should ensure consistent terminology throughout (e.g., sometimes "logistics service providers" is used).

In the statement, "Based on the results above, for both third- and fourth-party logistics, the indicators of timely delivery and cost held greater importance," provide more detail about how these findings compare to previous literature.

A brief acknowledgment of potential biases in expert judgments (e.g., limited geographical focus) would add to the study's rigor.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

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The statement, "Today, the world recognizes an oil-rich country like the UAE not for its oil wells but for being a logistics hub," would benefit from specific examples or data illustrating how the UAE achieved this transformation.

The sentence, "In this study, the content validity method was used," should elaborate on how the validity was specifically measured and any criteria or tools applied.

In the discussion of reliability (Cronbach's alpha coefficient of 0.893), consider including a benchmark or interpretation to justify why this value is considered reliable for your study.

The claim, "These findings align with the results of Denham et al. (2014)," could be enhanced by summarizing the specific results of Denham et al. for context.

Address potential contradictions, e.g., the low prioritization of social factors in logistics, which might conflict with recent trends emphasizing corporate social responsibility.

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2. Revised

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