

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-59392

Title: Automation Exposure and India's Services-Led Growth Model: How AI Adoption Could Reshape White-Collar Employment.

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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Reviewer's Comment for Publication:

The manuscript addresses a timely and significant issue concerning the potential effects of artificial intelligence on India's services-led growth model and white-collar employment. The paper provides a clear discussion of AI exposure, employment transformation, reskilling, inequality, productivity and the broader implications for India's economic development. The overall structure and presentation are satisfactory. However, minor revisions are recommended. The authors should provide more precise and complete citations for the statistical claims regarding employment, AI exposure, AI adoption and wage premiums, and ensure consistency between the cited sources and the reported figures. The discussion of the fiscal implications and the potential "hollowing out" of employment could also be supported with additional empirical evidence. Some sections would benefit from minor language editing and clearer distinction between established evidence and forward-looking projections. After these minor improvements, the manuscript would be suitable for publication.