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## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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**Title: Foreign Investment Barriers and Operational Challenges in Saudi ArabiaÃ¢Â€Â™s Oil and Gas Services Sector: Implications for Vision 2030.**

**Recommendation:**

Accept as it is .....

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision .....

Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

| Rating | Excel. | Good | Fair | Poor |
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| Originality | | ✓ | | |
| Techn. Quality | | | ✓ | |
| Clarity | ✓ | | | |
| Significance | | ✓ | | |

**Reviewer Id: JPR-359**

### Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The manuscript addresses a relevant and timely topic concerning foreign investment barriers and operational challenges in Saudi Arabia's oil and gas services sector within the framework of Vision 2030. Its proposed investment-to-operation conversion framework offers a useful conceptual contribution by distinguishing formal market access, supplier qualification, operational execution, and the retention of domestic capabilities. The integration of investment policy, localization, workforce readiness, logistics, contracting, and digital governance provides a broad perspective on the challenges faced by foreign-invested service enterprises. However, several minor revisions are recommended to strengthen the manuscript. The authors should clarify the literature selection and screening process by providing the approximate number of sources initially identified, assessed, and ultimately included, where this information is available. The analytical procedures used to organize and synthesize the evidence should also be described more explicitly to improve reproducibility. In addition, the authors should ensure consistency in the interpretation of the reported iktva indicator and clearly distinguish percentage-point changes from relative percentage changes. The conceptual framework would benefit from more explicit operational definitions of its four stages and clearer explanations of how the proposed relationships could be empirically tested. Finally, the reference list, in-text citations, figure numbering, and table formatting should be checked for consistency and completeness. Overall, the manuscript is well structured, relevant, and potentially valuable to researchers and policymakers. These revisions would improve its methodological transparency and practical applicability without requiring a fundamental restructuring of the study.