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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: What Happens When a Cloud Goes Dark? Designing Cross-Cloud Disaster Recovery Between AWS and Azure for Saudi Government SAP Systems.

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 presents a relevant and timely study proposing a cross-cloud disaster recovery architecture for SAP systems used by Saudi government entities, with Amazon Web Services and Microsoft Azure as the case providers. The study follows a design science approach and draws on thirty scholarly articles and relevant national cybersecurity documents to develop a tiered recovery framework. Its discussion of asynchronous database replication, independent backups, application rebuilding, provider-independent identity and monitoring, recovery objectives, and governance provides a useful contribution to cloud resilience and disaster recovery planning. The manuscript is generally well structured, clearly written, and addresses an important practical concern. However, the literature selection and screening process requires greater methodological transparency, particularly regarding the scholarly database, search strings, and article selection procedure. The technical discussion would also benefit from clearer consideration of SAP-specific recovery dependencies and the practical compatibility of the proposed architecture across both cloud providers. The illustrative cost and recovery figures are appropriately identified as invented values. Overall, the manuscript has academic and practical relevance and is suitable for publication after minor revision.