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Abstract

Purpose: The aim of the study was to assess the supply chain risk management and organizational performance in England.

Methodology: This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

Findings: The study demonstrated that effective SCRM practices can significantly mitigate disruptions and uncertainties in the supply chain, leading to improved operational efficiency and resilience. By proactively identifying, assessing, and addressing potential risks, organizations can maintain continuity and ensure the smooth flow of goods and services. This risk mitigation not only minimizes financial losses and operational downtime but also enhances customer satisfaction and trust. Furthermore, integrating SCRM with

strategic planning allows organizations to better align their supply chain objectives with overall business goals, fostering a more agile and competitive market position. Consequently, companies that invest in robust SCRM frameworks tend to experience enhanced performance metrics, such as increased profitability, market share, and long-term sustainability.

Implications to Theory, Practice and Policy: Resource-based view, contingency theory and transaction cost economics may be used to anchor future studies on assessing the supply chain risk management and organizational performance in England. Organizations should invest in advanced technologies like blockchain, artificial intelligence, Internet of Things (IoT), and data analytics to enhance SCRM capabilities. Policymakers should establish regulatory frameworks and standards related to SCRM practices, data security, supply chain transparency, and ethical sourcing.

Keywords: *Supply Chain, Risk Management, Organizational Performance*



INTRODUCTION

Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) is a critical aspect of modern business strategy, focusing on identifying, assessing, and mitigating risks within the supply chain to ensure continuity and efficiency. In the USA, companies like Apple Inc. have shown robust financial and operational performance. From 2018 to 2022, Apple's revenue increased from \$265.6 billion to \$365.7 billion, reflecting a steady growth trajectory. This growth can be attributed to successful product launches, strategic partnerships, and a strong focus on innovation and customer experience (Smith, 2020). Similarly, in the UK, Unilever PLC has demonstrated strong financial performance. Between 2018 and 2022, Unilever's revenue increased from £51 billion to £61 billion, driven by a combination of organic growth, acquisitions, and effective cost management strategies (Brown, 2019).

Moving on to developing economies, companies like Alibaba Group Holding Limited in China have showcased impressive financial and operational performance. From 2018 to 2022, Alibaba's revenue grew from \$376.8 billion to \$717.3 billion, showcasing the rapid expansion of e-commerce and digital services in China and globally (Chen, 2021). Another example is Reliance Industries Limited in India, which saw its revenue increase from ₹5.81 trillion to ₹9.75 trillion between 2018 and 2022, driven by growth across its diversified business portfolio including petrochemicals, refining, and telecommunications (Singh, 2020).

In Brazil, Banco Bradesco S.A. has demonstrated notable financial and operational performance. Between 2018 and 2022, Bradesco's total assets increased from R\$1.3 trillion to R\$1.8 trillion, showcasing its strength in the banking sector and strategic growth initiatives (Silva, 2021). This growth in assets reflects not only the bank's expansion but also its ability to attract deposits and invest in various financial products and services. Bradesco's profitability also improved during this period, with net income rising from R\$19.1 billion to R\$25.7 billion, indicating effective cost management and revenue generation strategies (Silva, 2021). Another significant player in Brazil is Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. (Petrobras), which has shown impressive financial performance in the oil and gas sector. From 2018 to 2022, Petrobras' revenue rose from R\$280 billion to R\$345 billion, driven by increased oil and gas production and improved operational efficiency (Ribeiro, 2020). This revenue growth was supported by Petrobras' focus on cost reduction, portfolio optimization, and investment in high-potential exploration and production projects. The company's EBITDA also improved significantly, reaching R\$124 billion in 2022 compared to R\$88 billion in 2018, indicating enhanced operational performance and profitability (Ribeiro, 2020).

Moving to South Korea, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. has exhibited strong financial and operational performance globally. From 2018 to 2022, Samsung's revenue grew from KRW 243.77 trillion to KRW 330.68 trillion, highlighting its dominance in the global electronics market and continuous innovation (Park, 2019). Samsung's success can be attributed to its diverse product portfolio, strong brand image, and investments in research and development. Despite challenges such as global supply chain disruptions, Samsung's profitability remained resilient, with net income increasing from KRW 43.89 trillion in 2018 to KRW 53.22 trillion in 2022 (Park, 2019).

Similarly, in Russia, Gazprom PJSC has shown impressive financial performance in the energy sector. From 2018 to 2022, Gazprom's revenue increased from RUB 7.48 trillion to RUB 11.2 trillion, driven by higher natural gas prices and increased export volumes (Ivanov, 2021). Gazprom's strong market position, extensive gas reserves, and strategic partnerships with international energy companies have contributed to its revenue growth and profitability. Despite



geopolitical challenges and regulatory pressures, Gazprom has maintained its status as a leading global energy player, with robust financial indicators and operational efficiency (Ivanov, 2021).

In India, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has emerged as a leader in the IT services sector with strong financial performance. From 2018 to 2022, TCS' revenue increased from INR 1.23 trillion to INR 1.73 trillion, driven by digital transformation services, cloud adoption, and strong client relationships (Patel, 2022). TCS' ability to navigate complex global market dynamics, invest in cutting-edge technologies, and deliver value-added services has contributed to its revenue growth and market leadership. The company's net profit also rose during this period, reflecting its operational efficiency and strategic initiatives (Patel, 2022).

In Mexico, América Móvil S.A.B. de C.V. has shown resilience and growth in the telecommunications sector. Between 2018 and 2022, América Móvil's revenue increased from MXN 1.1 trillion to MXN 1.4 trillion, driven by expanding mobile and broadband services, digitalization efforts, and market consolidation (García, 2020). Despite regulatory challenges and competitive pressures, América Móvil has maintained its market leadership and profitability, leveraging its extensive network infrastructure and innovative offerings to capture growth opportunities in the digital era (García, 2020).

Moving to Indonesia, PT Bank Central Asia Tbk (BCA) has demonstrated strong financial and operational performance in the banking sector. From 2018 to 2022, BCA's total assets grew from IDR 835.1 trillion to IDR 1,214 trillion, reflecting its position as one of Indonesia's largest banks (Dewi, 2021). BCA's focus on digital banking, customer-centric services, and risk management has contributed to its resilience and sustained growth. The bank's profitability metrics, including net interest income and net profit, also improved over the years, underscoring its sound financial management and strategic execution (Dewi, 2021).

In Turkey, Türkiye İş Bankası A.Ş. (Isbank) has demonstrated strong financial and operational performance in the banking sector. Between 2018 and 2022, Isbank's total assets grew from TRY 441 billion to TRY 746 billion, reflecting its position as one of Turkey's leading banks (Erdoğan, 2020). Isbank's focus on digital banking solutions, expanding its customer base, and prudent risk management practices has contributed to its growth and resilience amid economic fluctuations and market challenges. The bank's profitability metrics, such as net interest income and net profit, also improved during this period, showcasing its operational efficiency and strategic initiatives (Erdoğan, 2020).

In Thailand, PTT Public Company Limited has showcased robust financial performance in the energy sector. From 2018 to 2022, PTT's revenue increased from THB 2.7 trillion to THB 3.4 trillion, driven by its integrated energy businesses, including petroleum refining, petrochemicals, and energy exploration (Chaiyawat, 2021). PTT's investments in renewable energy, efficient operations, and diversified portfolio have supported its revenue growth and profitability. Despite market volatility and regulatory changes, PTT has maintained its position as a key player in Thailand's energy landscape, contributing significantly to the country's economic development (Chaiyawat, 2021).

In Egypt, Commercial International Bank (CIB) has demonstrated strong financial performance and market leadership in the banking sector. Between 2018 and 2022, CIB's total assets increased from EGP 426 billion to EGP 787 billion, showcasing its growth trajectory and strategic expansion initiatives (Abdelwahab, 2023). CIB's focus on digital banking, innovation in financial products,



and strong risk management practices has contributed to its resilience and profitability. The bank's net profit also increased significantly during this period, underscoring its operational excellence and customer-centric approach (Abdelwahab, 2023).

In Sub-Saharan Africa, Safaricom PLC in Kenya has emerged as a standout example of strong financial and operational performance. From 2018 to 2022, Safaricom's revenue grew from Ksh 224.54 billion to Ksh 331.14 billion, fueled by the expansion of its mobile money platform M-Pesa and innovative digital solutions (Ogutu, 2019). Another notable company is Dangote Cement PLC in Nigeria, which saw its revenue increase from \aleph 805.6 billion to \aleph 1.44 trillion between 2018 and 2022, driven by the construction boom and infrastructure development in Nigeria and other African markets (Aliyu, 2021).

The adoption of risk management strategies is crucial for organizations to navigate uncertainties and enhance their financial and operational performance. One of the key strategies is risk avoidance, where organizations identify and avoid activities or decisions that could potentially expose them to significant risks (Smith, 2021). By avoiding risky ventures or practices, companies can protect their financial resources, maintain stability, and avoid potential disruptions that could impact their operational performance. For example, a manufacturing company might choose to avoid investing in highly volatile markets to minimize the risk of inventory write-offs and production disruptions.

Another effective risk management strategy is risk mitigation, which involves taking proactive measures to reduce the impact or likelihood of identified risks (Brown, 2019). Organizations can implement risk mitigation strategies such as diversifying their product portfolio, hedging against currency fluctuations, or establishing contingency plans for potential disruptions (Brown, 2019). These measures help organizations mitigate financial losses, improve resilience, and enhance their operational performance by ensuring continuity and adaptability in dynamic business environments. For instance, a multinational corporation may use currency hedging to mitigate the risk of exchange rate fluctuations impacting its international operations and financial results.

Problem Statement

The integration of effective supply chain risk management (SCRM) practices into organizational strategies remains a critical challenge in contemporary business environments. Despite increasing recognition of the importance of SCRM, many organizations continue to struggle with identifying, assessing, and mitigating risks within their supply chains. This gap raises concerns about the potential impact of supply chain disruptions on organizational performance, including financial stability, operational efficiency, and customer satisfaction (Jones, 2022). Furthermore, the complexity and interconnectedness of global supply chains introduce additional layers of risk, such as geopolitical uncertainties, natural disasters, and supply chain dependencies. These factors contribute to heightened vulnerabilities that can significantly impact an organization's ability to meet market demands, fulfill customer expectations, and sustain competitive advantages (Smith, 2020). Therefore, there is a pressing need to investigate how effective SCRM practices can be integrated into organizational strategies to enhance resilience and mitigate the adverse effects of supply chain disruptions on organizational performance.



Theoretical Framework

Resource-Based View (RBV)

The RBV, originated by Jay Barney in the 1980s, focuses on internal resources and capabilities as sources of sustainable competitive advantage. This theory suggests that organizations can achieve superior performance by leveraging unique resources and capabilities that are valuable, rare, inimitable, and non-substitutable (VRIN criteria) (Barney, 2018). In the context of supply chain risk management (SCRM) and organizational performance, RBV emphasizes the importance of developing resilient supply chain capabilities, such as robust supplier relationships, flexible manufacturing processes, and effective risk assessment mechanisms. These capabilities enable organizations to proactively manage supply chain risks, enhance operational efficiency, and achieve superior performance outcomes (Birkinshaw & Gibson, 2021).

Contingency Theory

Originating from the work of scholars such as Woodward and Lawrence & Lorsch in the 1960s, contingency theory posits that organizational effectiveness depends on the alignment between internal structures, processes, and external environmental conditions (Burns & Stalker, 2020). In the context of SCRM and organizational performance, contingency theory emphasizes the need for organizations to adapt their risk management strategies and supply chain practices based on the specific characteristics of their industry, market dynamics, and risk profiles. This theory underscores the importance of contingency planning, flexibility, and agility in responding to supply chain disruptions and improving overall organizational performance (Burns & Stalker, 2020).

Transaction Cost Economics (TCE)

TCE, developed by Oliver Williamson in the 1970s, examines the governance structures and arrangements that organizations adopt to minimize transaction costs associated with economic exchanges (Williamson, 2018). In the context of SCRM, TCE highlights the trade-offs between different governance mechanisms (e.g., vertical integration, contracts, partnerships) in managing supply chain risks and enhancing organizational performance. TCE suggests that organizations must carefully evaluate the costs and benefits of different governance choices to effectively mitigate supply chain risks while optimizing performance outcomes (Williamson, 2018).

Empirical Review

Johnson (2018) aimed to delve into the impact of SCRM practices on organizational performance within the manufacturing sector. Using a quantitative approach, data from 200 manufacturing firms were collected through surveys, and multiple regression analysis was employed to ascertain the relationship between SCRM practices and various performance metrics. The findings revealed a significant positive correlation between the implementation of SCRM practices and organizational performance indicators such as cost efficiency, customer satisfaction, and financial performance. This underscores the strategic importance of robust SCRM frameworks in enhancing organizational resilience and competitiveness. Johnson's study contributes valuable insights to the ongoing discourse on SCRM effectiveness and its implications for organizational success, emphasizing the need for manufacturing firms to prioritize SCRM initiatives in their strategic agendas.



Smith (2019) explored the role of supply chain agility in mitigating risks and improving performance within the retail sector. Employing a qualitative case study approach, in-depth interviews were conducted with supply chain managers from five retail companies to gain insights into their practices and strategies. The findings underscored the critical role of supply chain agility characterized by flexibility, responsiveness, and collaboration in reducing the impact of disruptions and enhancing overall performance. This highlights the importance of adaptive and responsive supply chains in today's dynamic business landscape. Smith's recommendations emphasized that retail companies should invest in agile supply chain practices and foster strong partnerships with suppliers to effectively manage risks and improve performance, aligning with the broader goal of enhancing organizational resilience.

Brown (2020) delved into the relationship between supply chain disruptions, risk management strategies, and financial performance within the pharmaceutical industry. This longitudinal study utilized financial data and risk management practices from 50 pharmaceutical companies over a five-year period, employing sophisticated statistical analyses to draw meaningful conclusions. The study's results demonstrated that companies with robust risk management strategies were better equipped to mitigate the financial impact of supply chain disruptions, thereby improving their financial performance. These findings highlight the strategic imperative for pharmaceutical firms to invest in comprehensive risk management frameworks and build resilience to navigate uncertainties in the supply chain effectively. Brown's study contributes valuable insights to the literature on SCRM in the pharmaceutical sector, offering practical recommendations for industry players to enhance their risk management capabilities and financial outcomes.

Patel (2021) investigated the influence of information technology (IT) capabilities on SCRM effectiveness and organizational performance within the logistics sector. Employing a cross-sectional survey, data were gathered from IT managers and supply chain executives from 100 logistics companies, with structural equation modeling (SEM) used for data analysis. The study revealed that higher IT capabilities, including data analytics, visibility tools, and communication systems, were associated with improved SCRM effectiveness and overall organizational performance. These findings underscore the strategic importance of leveraging IT capabilities to enhance SCRM capabilities and drive organizational performance improvements. Patel's recommendations emphasized that logistics firms should invest in advanced IT solutions to enhance SCRM capabilities and achieve better performance outcomes, aligning IT strategies with broader organizational goals for success in a competitive market environment.

García (2022) examined the impact of supplier relationship management (SRM) practices on supply chain resilience and operational performance within the automotive industry. Utilizing a mixed-methods approach, the study combined quantitative analysis of SRM practices with qualitative case studies of five automotive companies to provide comprehensive insights into the dynamics of supplier relationships. The findings highlighted that effective SRM practices, such as collaboration, trust-building, and supplier development, contributed to enhanced supply chain resilience and improved operational performance. These findings underline the strategic importance of nurturing strong supplier relationships and implementing proactive SRM strategies to build resilience and improve performance in the automotive sector. García's study contributes valuable insights to the ongoing discourse on SCRM and supplier relationship dynamics, offering actionable recommendations for automotive firms to enhance their competitive advantage and resilience in a dynamic marketplace.



Wang (2023) delved into the impact of supply chain disruptions on organizational performance and the moderating role of risk management practices in the electronics industry. Conducting a longitudinal study using archival data from 50 electronics companies over a ten-year period, the study employed moderated regression analysis to examine the relationships between supply chain disruptions, risk management practices, and organizational performance. The findings indicated that supply chain disruptions negatively impacted organizational performance, but effective risk management practices moderated this relationship, leading to better performance outcomes. These findings underscore the strategic importance of effective risk management practices in mitigating the impact of disruptions on organizational performance. Wang's study contributes valuable insights to the literature on SCRM and risk management strategies, offering practical recommendations for electronics firms to enhance their resilience and performance in a volatile business environment.

Park (2018) explored the role of supply chain collaboration in enhancing SCRM effectiveness and organizational performance within the food and beverage sector. Employing a survey-based approach with supply chain professionals from 80 food and beverage companies, correlation analysis was employed to examine the relationships between supply chain collaboration, SCRM effectiveness, and organizational performance. The study revealed a positive association between supply chain collaboration, SCRM effectiveness, and organizational performance. The study revealed a positive association between supply chain collaboration in mitigating risks and improving performance. These findings highlight the strategic imperative for food and beverage companies to foster collaborative relationships with suppliers, customers, and other stakeholders to strengthen SCRM capabilities and achieve better performance outcomes. Park's study contributes valuable insights to the literature on SCRM and supply chain collaboration, offering actionable recommendations for food and beverage firms to enhance their competitive advantage and resilience in a dynamic market environment.

METHODOLOGY

This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

RESULTS

Conceptual Gaps: Despite Johnson (2018) study highlighting the positive correlation between SCRM practices and organizational performance within the manufacturing sector, there is a need for further research to explore the specific mechanisms through which SCRM practices influence different aspects of performance. This could involve examining the mediating roles of factors such as operational efficiency, innovation capability, and supply chain flexibility. While Smith (2019) emphasized the importance of supply chain agility in mitigating risks and enhancing performance in the retail sector, there is a lack of comprehensive frameworks or models that integrate agility with other SCRM practices. Future research could focus on developing integrated frameworks that consider the synergistic effects of agility, risk assessment, and resilience strategies on organizational performance across diverse industries.



Contextual Gaps: Brown (2020) study provided insights into risk management strategies and their impact on financial performance in the pharmaceutical industry. However, there is a need for context-specific research that considers the unique challenges and opportunities faced by different sectors, such as the service industry or emerging markets. This could involve comparative studies to identify industry-specific best practices in SCRM and their implications for performance outcomes. Patel (2021) investigation into IT capabilities and SCRM effectiveness within the logistics sector highlights the relevance of technology in modern supply chain management. Yet, there is limited research on the integration of emerging technologies like blockchain, artificial intelligence, or Internet of Things (IoT) in SCRM practices and their influence on organizational performance. Future studies could explore the adoption and impact of these advanced technologies in different industry contexts.

Geographical Gaps: García (2022) study focused on supplier relationship management and supply chain resilience in the automotive industry, which provides valuable insights. However, there is a gap in research focusing on supply chain dynamics and risk management practices in other regions or global supply chains. Comparative studies across geographical regions could uncover region-specific challenges and strategies in SCRM and their implications for organizational performance. Wang's (2023) examination of supply chain disruptions and risk management practices in the electronics industry contributes to understanding risk mitigation strategies. However, there is limited research on SCRM in developing economies or regions with unique geopolitical challenges. Future studies could explore SCRM practices in diverse geographical contexts to enhance the generalizability of findings and provide tailored recommendations for different regions.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusion

In conclusion, the interplay between Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) and Organizational Performance is a critical area of research and practice that continues to evolve in response to dynamic business environments. Empirical studies across various industries have shed light on the strategic importance of robust SCRM frameworks, agile supply chains, effective risk mitigation strategies, and strong supplier relationships in enhancing organizational resilience and competitiveness. These studies have demonstrated that organizations that prioritize SCRM initiatives and leverage technology capabilities tend to achieve better performance outcomes, including cost efficiency, customer satisfaction, financial stability, and operational excellence.

However, despite the progress made in understanding SCRM's impact on organizational performance, several research gaps persist. These include the need for more comprehensive conceptual frameworks that integrate agility, risk assessment, and resilience strategies; context-specific studies that explore industry-specific challenges and opportunities; and comparative research across geographical regions to uncover region-specific strategies and challenges. Addressing these gaps can further enhance our understanding of SCRM's nuances and provide actionable insights for organizations to navigate uncertainties, mitigate risks, and achieve sustainable performance in today's globalized and interconnected business landscape.

Moving forward, continued research efforts, industry collaborations, and knowledge-sharing platforms are essential to advance the field of SCRM and support organizations in developing adaptive and resilient supply chains that drive long-term success and value creation. By aligning



SCRM practices with strategic objectives, leveraging emerging technologies, fostering collaboration across supply chain partners, and staying attuned to evolving market trends, organizations can effectively manage risks, capitalize on opportunities, and enhance their overall performance in a competitive and rapidly changing business environment.

Recommendations

The following are the recommendations based on theory, practice and policy:

Theory

Researchers should focus on developing integrated frameworks that consider the synergistic effects of SCRM practices such as agility, risk assessment, resilience strategies, and supplier relationships on organizational performance. This could contribute to advancing theoretical understanding by providing a holistic view of SCRM's impact across various dimensions. Future research should explore the mediating mechanisms through which SCRM practices influence different aspects of organizational performance, such as operational efficiency, innovation capability, and customer satisfaction. This can enhance theoretical models and contribute to a deeper understanding of the underlying mechanisms driving performance outcomes.

Practice

Organizations should invest in advanced technologies like blockchain, artificial intelligence, Internet of Things (IoT), and data analytics to enhance SCRM capabilities. Leveraging technology can improve risk visibility, decision-making, and response times, thereby enhancing overall organizational performance. Practitioners should foster collaboration and strong partnerships with suppliers, customers, and other stakeholders. Collaborative relationships can improve supply chain visibility, communication, and coordination, leading to better risk management and performance outcomes.

Policy

Policymakers should establish regulatory frameworks and standards related to SCRM practices, data security, supply chain transparency, and ethical sourcing. Clear regulations can encourage organizations to adopt best practices and ensure compliance, thereby reducing risks and improving performance. Governments and industry associations should support innovation and research initiatives focused on SCRM and supply chain resilience. Funding programs, incentives for technology adoption, and knowledge-sharing platforms can accelerate innovation and best practices adoption, benefiting organizations and the broader economy.



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