

## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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**Title: Influence of Technological Reforms and Performance in Law Enforcement among the Directorate of Criminal Investigation officers in Kenya**

### Recommendation:

**Accept as it is.....YES.....**

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision .....

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

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		√		
Techn. Quality			√	
Clarity			√	
Significance		√		

**Reviewer's Name:** Dr Abdul Hameed Shah

**Reviewer's Decision about Paper:** **Recommended for Publication.**

**Comments** (*Use additional pages, if required*)

### Reviewer's Comment / Report

#### Abstract Review:

The abstract provides a comprehensive overview of the study, effectively outlining the context, objectives, theoretical foundation, methodology, and key findings. The articulation of the study's grounding in both the Task-Technology Fit (TTF) Theory and the Peelian Principles adds conceptual depth by linking functionality with ethical policing frameworks. The methodological details—including the sample size, sampling strategy, and tools for data collection—are well presented, demonstrating methodological rigor. The summary of findings is clear and supported by actionable recommendations that align with the study's objectives. The abstract is well-structured and informative, reflecting a balanced mix of empirical insight and policy relevance.

#### Keywords Review:

The keywords are concise and accurately reflect the study's core themes: "Technological Reforms," "Police Performance," "Task-Technology Fit," "Peelian Principles," and "Law Enforcement Kenya." These terms enhance the discoverability of the research in academic and policy-related databases.

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### **Introduction Review:**

The introduction sets a solid foundation by defining the fundamental roles of the police in society and framing law enforcement within both national and global contexts. The literature cited is recent and relevant, highlighting key scholars and policy concerns related to public safety, policing, and technology. The introduction clearly articulates the increasing complexity of modern criminal threats and the growing reliance on technological tools as both a solution and a challenge in policing. It successfully contextualizes the Kenyan situation by referencing public criticisms and systemic challenges facing the DCI, thus justifying the relevance and urgency of the study.

The narrative progresses logically from global to national contexts, linking technology and police effectiveness with broader societal outcomes such as public trust, legal compliance, and operational accountability. The language is academically sound, coherent, and precise, and the section adequately prepares the reader for the research's analytical depth.

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### **Overall Impression:**

The paper exhibits a well-structured and thoughtful approach to an increasingly relevant area of study in law enforcement. It demonstrates methodological strength, strong theoretical grounding, and practical relevance to public administration and criminal justice. The focus on Kenya's DCI enriches regional scholarship while contributing to global conversations on policing and technological transformation. The writing is articulate, the arguments are logically presented, and the research design is appropriate for the study's aims. This is a well-rounded academic work with significant implications for policy and practice in law enforcement reform.