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Accept without change	<p>The abstract is clear, concise, and excellently written. The focus is clearly articulated through well designed research questions (RQs). The methodology is stated and in line with the RQs. Findings are succinctly summarised with clearly established outcomes for either theoretical frames or practical implications.</p> <p>In case of an industry-based project, the submission gives a clear indication of the nature of the problem it sought to address, the practical protocol for design and implementation is described and offers a robust frame for research or evaluative outcomes.</p>
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	<p>afford more clarity on the research design and process. Findings are presented but these may need to be more cogently linked to both the RQs and the inferences made.</p> <p>In case of an industry-based project, the abstract may require additional work to convert a practice driven project into its corollary scientific format. There is however a recognition the scientific processes underpinning the technical design are sound and of value to the scientific community. Outcomes are discussed but perhaps need to be more focused and more clearly articulated</p>
Reject	<p>The abstract does not adhere to the standard format expected of a scientific presentation. The scientific contribution is not established either on account of inadequate framing as a knowledge/ practice problem. The methodological/ technical processes are unclear as are the outcomes of the research/ practice-based project. Language used is not helpful in achieving the required minimum its terms of clarity of meaning.</p>

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