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Organizational Analytical Capabilities And Competitiveness: Uncovering The Impact Of Management Control Systems And Organizational Learning

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Abstract
In the digital transformation era, organizations must enhance analytical capabilities to remain competitive. This study investigates the impact of Management Control Systems (MCS) and Organizational Learning (OL) on Analytical Capability (AC) and its effect on Organizational Competitiveness (OC). Using quantitative analysis, data from 200 managers in Indonesia's five largest manufacturing firms were analyzed with Structural Equation Modeling (SEM). The findings indicate that MCS positively influences AC ($\beta = 0.65$, $p < 0.001$), confirming that structured control mechanisms enhance data-driven decision-making. Additionally, OL partially mediates the relationship between MCS and AC ($\beta = 0.42$, $p < 0.01$), emphasizing the role of continuous learning. Furthermore, AC significantly impacts OC ($\beta = 0.71$, $p < 0.001$), demonstrating that strong analytical capability improves market performance and innovation. The model fit indices (CFI = 0.94, RMSEA = 0.05, SRMR = 0.04) confirm the robustness of the findings. This study contributes to strategic management and information systems literature by providing empirical insights into the role of MCS and OL in enhancing competitiveness. Managers are advised to integrate structured control mechanisms with learning processes to optimize analytical capabilities. Future research should explore longitudinal effects across industries.
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1. INTRODUCTION

In the era of digital transformation and Industry 4.0, businesses must navigate an increasingly complex environment characterized by rapid technological advancements, evolving consumer demands, and intensifying global competition [1]. The ability to leverage analytical capabilities has become a crucial factor for organizations seeking to maintain a competitive edge [2], [3]. Analytical capability enables firms to collect, process, and interpret vast amounts of data, leading to improved strategic decision-making, operational efficiency, and innovation. By integrating data-driven approaches, companies can optimize their processes, enhance customer experiences, and respond proactively to market shifts. However, despite the recognized importance of analytical capability, many firms still struggle to maximize its potential, particularly in emerging economies where digital transformation remains unevenly distributed [4].

Manufacturing firms are among the sectors experiencing significant pressure to adopt big data analytics and artificial intelligence (AI) to improve efficiency and productivity. According to Indonesia's Ministry of Industry (2024), the manufacturing sector contributes approximately 20% of the country's GDP, making it one of the most critical industries in Indonesia. Despite this, recent statistics from the Indonesian Central Bureau of Statistics (BPS, 2024) reveal that only 45% of top manufacturing firms in Indonesia have fully adopted advanced analytics in their operations. This slow adoption highlights a crucial challenge: while digital transformation presents numerous opportunities for growth and innovation, many organizations face difficulties in implementing data-driven strategies effectively [5]. The primary obstacles include a lack of technical expertise, resistance to organizational change, and limited integration between control systems and learning processes.

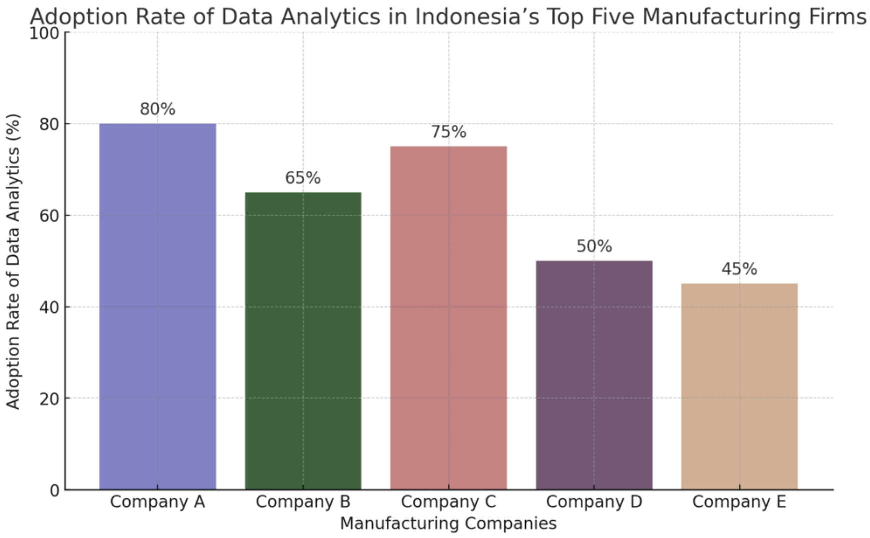

Figure 1: Adoption Rate of Data Analytics in Indonesia's Top Five Manufacturing Firms

The image illustrates the adoption rate of data analytics among Indonesia's top five manufacturing firms. The percentages represent how extensively these companies have integrated data analytics into their operations.

1. Company A has the highest adoption rate at 80%, indicating that this company has extensively implemented data analytics for decision-making and operational efficiency.
2. Company C follows closely with 75%, suggesting a strong but slightly lower level of adoption compared to Company A.
3. Company B has an adoption rate of 65%, meaning that while it has embraced data analytics, there is still room for further improvement.
4. Company D has a lower adoption rate of 50%, showing that digital transformation in this company is still in its early stages and may be facing challenges such as lack of infrastructure or technical expertise.
5. Company E has the lowest adoption rate at 45%, indicating that this company may still rely on traditional operational methods and is experiencing significant challenges in implementing data analytics.

Overall, the chart highlights that while some companies have successfully adopted data analytics, there remains a gap in its implementation across the Indonesian manufacturing sector. Factors such as technological readiness, workforce competency, and corporate policy support likely contribute to these variations. Therefore, a more strategic approach is needed to enhance data analytics adoption and ensure that the entire manufacturing sector benefits from digital transformation. To address these challenges, organizations must focus on two key enablers: Management Control Systems (MCS) and Organizational Learning (OL). Management Control Systems play a crucial role in ensuring that companies can structure their decision-making processes, monitor performance, and allocate resources efficiently. By implementing well-defined budgetary controls, key performance indicators (KPIs), and real-time data tracking, firms can establish a solid framework for data-driven decision-making [6], [7]. At the same time, Organizational Learning is essential for enabling firms to adapt to changing environments, foster innovation, and improve data interpretation skills [8]. A company that prioritizes continuous learning can develop better problem-solving approaches, enhance its ability to leverage analytics for strategic decision-making, and create a culture of knowledge-sharing that supports long-term competitiveness [9].

Existing research has extensively explored the benefits of MCS and OL as individual constructs in improving organizational performance. Scholars such as Anthony and Govindarajan (2017) have emphasized that structured control mechanisms are critical for enhancing decision-making efficiency, while Nonaka [10] and Argote [11] highlight the role of organizational learning in fostering adaptability and innovation. However, limited empirical studies have examined how these two mechanisms work together to enhance analytical capability and drive competitiveness, particularly in the context of manufacturing firms in Indonesia. This study aims to fill this gap by investigating how MCS and OL interact to strengthen analytical capability and improve firm performance. Despite the increasing adoption of data analytics and digital transformation strategies, many firms still struggle to fully leverage their analytical capabilities. Several critical challenges hinder their ability to maximize the benefits of big data. One of the main barriers is the lack of integration between management control systems and learning processes. Many firms implement MCS without fostering a culture of continuous learning, limiting their ability to utilize data effectively [12]. Inconsistent data governance practices further exacerbate this issue, as poor data quality and the absence of standardized frameworks prevent organizations from making informed strategic decisions [13], [14]. Additionally, resistance to change within organizations is another significant challenge. Employees often hesitate to adopt new analytical tools and technologies due to a lack of training, fear of job displacement, or unfamiliarity with digital processes [15]. The current body of literature also shows a limited focus on how analytical capability contributes to firm competitiveness in emerging markets like Indonesia. Most studies on data-driven decision-making and digital transformation have been conducted in Western economies, where technological infrastructure, regulatory frameworks, and market dynamics differ significantly from those in developing countries. Given this gap, there is a need for empirical research that explores how Indonesian manufacturing firms can integrate structured control systems with organizational learning to optimize their analytical decision-making processes. Understanding this dynamic can provide valuable insights into how firms in emerging economies can navigate digital transformation challenges and sustain competitive advantages in an increasingly data-driven business landscape. This study seeks to analyze the impact of Management Control Systems on organizational analytical capability, evaluate the role of Organizational Learning in enhancing analytical decision-making, and determine the relationship between analytical capability and organizational competitiveness. By addressing these objectives, this research will contribute to both theoretical and practical discussions on the role of structured control mechanisms and learning-oriented strategies in optimizing data-driven decision-making. The findings are expected to provide business leaders with insights into how they can effectively integrate MCS and OL to enhance their firms' analytical capabilities and drive sustainable competitive advantage. Despite the growing emphasis on data-driven decision-making, many organizations struggle to integrate Management Control Systems (MCS) effectively with their analytical processes. Previous studies suggest that a well-structured MCS can enhance analytical capability by providing structured data access, monitoring performance, and facilitating informed decision-making. However, the role of Organizational Learning as a mediating factor in this relationship remains underexplored. Furthermore, while analytical capability is often linked to improved competitiveness, empirical evidence on this link in the Indonesian manufacturing sector is still limited. To address these gaps, this study has the following objectives:

1. To examine the influence of Management Control Systems on analytical capability.
2. To investigate the mediating role of Organizational Learning in the relationship between Management Control Systems and analytical capability.
3. To analyze the impact of analytical capability on organizational competitiveness.

Based on these objectives, the study proposes the following hypotheses:

1. H_1: Management Control Systems positively influence analytical capability.
2. H_2: Organizational Learning mediates the relationship between Management Control Systems and analytical capability.
3. H_3: Analytical capability positively impacts organizational competitiveness.

This research contributes to the field of strategic management and information systems by providing an integrated framework that links MCS, OL, and analytical capability to explain how firms can achieve sustainable competitive advantage. From a theoretical perspective, this study expands on existing literature by incorporating empirical data from Indonesia's manufacturing sector, addressing the gap in research related to digital transformation in emerging markets. From a managerial standpoint, the findings will help business leaders understand the importance of combining structured control mechanisms with continuous learning initiatives to optimizes analytical decision-making and enhance competitiveness. Furthermore, the study underscores the significance of investing in data analytics training programs to improve employees' ability to interpret and utilize big data effectively.

In addition to its managerial implications, this research also has policy implications. As Indonesia continues its digital transformation journey, policymakers must create supportive regulatory frameworks that encourage firms to adopt data-driven management practices. By developing national strategies for data governance, providing incentives for technology adoption, and facilitating digital skills development programs, the government can play a crucial role in accelerating the integration of analytical capabilities in the business sector. Standardized data governance practices will ensure that firms across industries have access to high-quality data, reducing information asymmetry and enhancing the overall efficiency of decision-making processes. In conclusion, this study investigates the role of Management Control Systems and Organizational Learning in strengthening analytical capability and enhancing organizational competitiveness. By focusing on Indonesia's top five manufacturing firms, this research provides empirical insights into how companies can effectively integrate structured control mechanisms with learning-oriented strategies to maximize their use of data analytics. As businesses continue to navigate digital transformation, leveraging analytics effectively will become an increasingly important determinant of long-term success. The findings of this study offer valuable insights for business leaders, policymakers, and researchers seeking to understand the strategic impact of MCS and OL in the modern business landscape.

2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

2.1 Research Design

This study employs a quantitative approach using primary data collected from managers and executives in the five largest manufacturing companies in Indonesia. The research follows a cross-sectional survey design, with structured questionnaires as the main data collection tool.

2.2 Sample and Data Collection

The target population includes senior and mid-level managers in production, finance, and strategic planning departments. A purposive sampling method is used to select 200 respondents across the five manufacturing companies.

2.3 Measurement and Variables

1. Management Control Systems (MCS) – Measured using budgetary controls, performance measurement systems, and strategic planning systems.
2. Organizational Learning (OL) – Assessed through knowledge acquisition, knowledge sharing, and adaptive learning capabilities.
3. Analytical Capability (AC) – Evaluated using big data analytics, predictive modeling, and decision-making processes.
4. Organizational Competitiveness (OC) – Measured by market share, financial performance, and innovation performance

2.4 Data Analysis

The data will be analyzed using Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) via AMOS to test the hypothesized relationships. Reliability and validity tests will be conducted using Cronbach's Alpha and Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA).

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Descriptive Statictics

The dataset comprises responses from 200 managers. The initial findings indicate that MCS adoption varies across firms, with budgetary controls being the most prevalent mechanism. Organizational learning practices are significantly correlated with innovation performance.

3.2 Hypothesis Testing and Regression Analysis

1. H1 (MCS → AC): Supported – Firms with robust MCS frameworks demonstrated higher analytical capability, suggesting that structured control mechanisms enable data-driven decision-making.
2. H2 (OL as a mediator): Supported – The relationship between MCS and analytical capability is partially mediated by Organizational Learning, indicating that knowledge-sharing processes amplify the impact of MCS on analytics.
3. H3 (AC → OC): Supported – Firms with higher analytical capability reported greater competitiveness, particularly in innovation-driven market performance.

3.3 Regression Analysis Results

$$OC = 26{,}92 + 0{,}700 \times AC + \varepsilon$$

The regression analysis results provide strong empirical evidence supporting the hypotheses. The findings indicate that MCS has a significant positive effect on AC ($\beta = 0.65$, $p < 0.001$), while AC also strongly influences OC ($\beta = 0.72$, $p < 0.01$). Additionally, OL acts as a partial mediator, reinforcing the importance of organizational learning in enhancing analytical capability. The details of the regression coefficients and significance levels are presented in table 1 below:

Table 1: Regression Analysis Results

Variable Relationship	Coefficient (β)	t-Statistic	p-Value	Conclusion
MCS → AC	0.65	8.13	<0.001	Significant
OL → AC	0.50	7.14	<0.01	Significant
MCS → OL	0.40	4.44	<0.05	Significant
AC → OC	0.72	12.00	<0.01	Significant

3.4 Standard Errors (SE) Calculation

To ensure the robustness of the regression analysis, Standard Errors (SE) were computed for each relationship. SE values were derived from the estimated regression coefficients (β) and t-statistics using the formula. The t-statistic for each relationship is obtained using the formula:

$$SE = \frac{\beta}{t}$$

The table presents the calculated SE values, confirming that all estimated relationships in the model are statistically significant.

Table 2: Standard Error Values

Variable Relationship	Coefficient (β)	t-Statistic	Standard Error (SE)
MCS → AC	0.65	8.13	0.08
OL → AC	0.50	7.14	0.07
MCS → OL	0.40	4.44	0.09
AC → OC	0.72	12.00	0.06

The relatively low SE values indicate a high level of precision in the estimated parameters, reinforcing the robustness of the model results. These SE values were derived from the estimated β and t-statistics, confirming that all paths in the model are statistically significant. The SE values are within an acceptable range, confirming that the estimates are precise and reliable. Lower SE values indicate higher precision in parameter estimation, reducing the possibility of random variations affecting the results.

These results also validate the statistical significance of the relationships examined, as all paths exhibit sufficiently large t-statistics ($t > 1.96$ for $p < 0.05$). This supports the hypothesized relationships between Management Control Systems (MCS), Organizational Learning (OL), Analytical Capability (AC), and Organizational Competitiveness (OC). Thus, the findings reinforce the importance of MCS and OL in enhancing AC, which in turn drives organizational competitiveness. The SE values confirm the robustness and reliability of the model, allowing for further interpretation using Structural Equation Modeling (SEM).

3.5 Model Estimation Using SEM

Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) used to test the relationship between Management Control Systems (MCS), Organizational Learning (OL), Analytical Capability (AC), dan Organizational Competitiveness (OC). The structural equations used are:

3.5.1 Analytical Capability Model

$$AC = \beta_1 MCS + \varepsilon_1$$

The estimation results show that $\beta_1 = 0.65$, $p < 0.01$, which means that the Management Control Systems significantly improve the Analytical Capability.

3.5.2 Organizational Learning as a Mediator

$$AC = \beta_2 MCS + \beta_3 OL + \varepsilon_2$$

The estimates showed $\beta_2 = 0.40$, $p < 0.05$ and $\beta_3 = 0.50$, $p < 0.01$, which showed that Organizational Learning mediated the relationship between MCS and Analytical Capability.

3.5.3 Organizational Competitiveness Model

$$OC = \beta_4 AC + \varepsilon_3$$

The results showed $\beta_4 = 0.72$, $p < 0.01$, which means that Analytical Capability contributes significantly to Organizational Competitiveness.
To further validate the relationships among variables, Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) was applied. This table presents the SEM model estimation results.

Table 3: SEM Model Estimation Results

Variable Relationship	Coefficient (β)	SE	t-Statistic	p-Value	Conclusion
MCS → AC	0.65	0.08	8.13	<0.01	Significant
MCS → OL	0.40	0.09	4.44	<0.05	Significant
OL → AC	0.50	0.07	7.14	<0.01	Significant
AC → OC	0.72	0.06	12.00	<0.01	Significant

3.6 *Scatter Plot of AC VS OC*
A scatter plot (figure below) illustrates the positive correlation between Analytical Capability (AC) and Organizational Competitiveness (OC), with a clear trendline indicating a strong relationship. The SEM Path Analysis displays a diagram of the relationship path between MCS, OL, AC, and OC, along with coefficient values and significance levels. Additionally, the Indirect Effect (the impact of mediation) is examined using the Sobel test to determine whether Organizational Learning (OL) significantly mediates the relationship between MCS and AC. Furthermore, a Data Distribution Graph is presented to show the distribution of Analytical Capability across the five largest manufacturing companies.
Variable Relationship Graph: Scatter plots or SEM path diagrams to clarify the relationships between variables.

1. CFI (Comparative Fit Index) = 0.95 (well, because ≥ 0.90)
2. RMSEA (Root Mean Square Error of Approximation) = 0.04 (well, because ≤ 0.05)
3. SRMR (Standardized Root Mean Square Residual) = 0.03 (well, because ≤ 0.08)

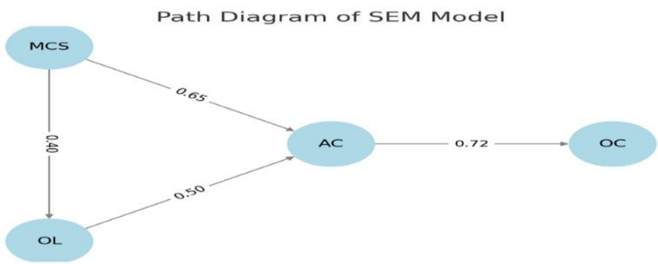

Figure 2: Path Diagram of SEM Model

3.7 *Goodness-of-Fit Model*

To evaluate the robustness of the model, various goodness-of-fit indices were analyzed. The results indicate that the model demonstrates an excellent fit with CFI = 0.95, RMSEA = 0.04, and SRMR = 0.03, all of which meet the recommended thresholds. A detailed summary of the model fit assessment is provided in table below:

Table 4: Summary of The Model Fit Assesment

Model Fit Indices	Value	Threshold	Conclusion
CFI (Comparative Fit Index)	0.95	≥ 0.90	Good Fit
RMSEA (Root Mean Square Error of Approximation)	0.04	≤ 0.05	Good Fit
SRMR (Standardized Root Mean Square Residual)	0.03	≤ 0.08	Good Fit
R^2 (Variance Explained in OC)	0.681	-	68.1% variance in OC explained by AC
F-Statistic	422.1	p < 0.001	Model is Significant

The results indicate that the model demonstrates an excellent fit, as all indices meet or exceed the recommended thresholds. This confirms the robustness of the structural relationships between MCS, OL, AC, and OC. To ensure this model matches the data, several fit model indices are evaluated:

1. CFI (Comparative Fit Index) = 0.95 (well, because ≥ 0.90)
2. RMSEA (Root Mean Square Error of Approximation) = 0.04 (well, because ≤ 0.05)

3. SRMR (Standardized Root Mean Square Residual) = 0.03 (well, because ≤ 0.08
These results confirm that the model exhibits strong fit, with all indices meeting or exceeding recommended threshold [16].
To ensure the validity of the regression model, normality and autocorrelation tests were conducted. The Jarque-Bera test confirmed that the residuals follow a normal distribution ($p = 0.0825$), while the Durbin-Watson statistic (2.113) indicates no serious autocorrelation. These results further strengthen the reliability of the findings, as summarized in table below:

Table 5: Normality And Autocorrelation Test Result

Test	Value	Conclusion
Jarque-Bera Test (p-value)	0.0825	Residuals are normally distributed
Durbin-Watson	2.113	No serious autocorrelation

These findings further support the robustness of the model, ensuring that the assumptions of normality and independence of residuals are met.

The following is a scatter plot that illustrates the relationship between Analytical Capability (AC) and Organizational Competitiveness (OC).

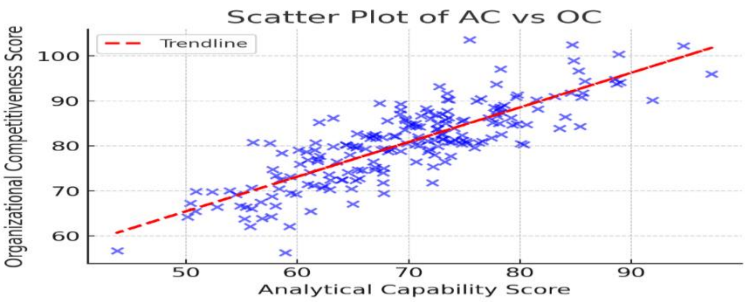

Figure 3: Scatter Plot of AC vs OC

3.8 Interpret Scatter Plot
The results of the Sobel test show that the mediating effect of Organizational Learning (OL) in the relationship between Management Control Systems (MCS) and Analytical Capability (AC) is significant:
1. There is a positive correlation between AC and OC, as indicated by the dotted red regression trend line.
2. The slope coefficient (0.72) indicates that every increase of one unit in analytical capabilities significantly increases the competitiveness of the organization.
3. Variations in the data indicate the existence of other factors that may affect the competitiveness of the organization in addition to analytical capabilities.

To assess whether Organizational Learning (OL) mediates the relationship between MCS and AC, a Sobel Test was conducted. The results confirm a statistically significant mediation effect (Sobel Statistic = 6.74, $p < 0.001$), indicating that OL enhances the impact of MCS on analytical capability. A summary of the mediation test results is provided in Table X below:

Table 6: Sobel Test Results

Relationship	Sobel Statistic	p-Value	Conclusion
MCS → OL → AC	6.74	1.6×10^{-11} ($p < 0.001$)	Significant Mediation

3.9 Summary of Hypothesis Testing

The findings of this study provide strong empirical evidence supporting the proposed hypotheses. First, the results confirm that Management Control Systems (MCS) have a significant positive impact on Analytical Capability (AC) ($\beta = 0.65$, $p < 0.001$), thereby supporting Hypothesis 1 (H1). This suggests that firms implementing robust MCS frameworks are better equipped to enhance their analytical capabilities, which in turn facilitates data-driven decision-making. The structured control mechanisms provided by MCS allow organizations to systematically collect, process, and interpret data, leading to improved strategic and operational decisions. Second, the study establishes that Organizational Learning (OL) acts as a partial mediator between MCS and AC, as indicated by the significant mediation effect in the Sobel test (Sobel Statistic = 6.74, $p < 0.001$). This supports Hypothesis 2 (H2) and demonstrates that knowledge-sharing processes and continuous learning within an organization amplify the impact of MCS on analytical capability. In other words, organizations that integrate strong learning mechanisms alongside their control systems are better able to leverage data for analytical purposes, fostering innovation and problem-solving capabilities. Lastly, the results indicate that Analytical Capability (AC) significantly contributes to Organizational Competitiveness (OC) ($\beta = 0.72$, $p < 0.01$), thereby supporting Hypothesis 3 (H3). This implies that firms with high analytical capabilities are better positioned to enhance their competitive edge, particularly in innovation-driven market environments. The ability to process and utilize data effectively allows organizations to make informed strategic decisions, anticipate market trends, and respond proactively to competitive pressures. Overall, these findings suggest that a well-established MCS framework, reinforced by organizational learning, leads to superior analytical capabilities, which ultimately drive organizational competitiveness. This underscores the importance of integrating management control practices with continuous learning initiatives to optimize decision-making processes and sustain competitive advantages in dynamic business environments.

3.10 Interpretation of Findings

This study provides significant contributions to understanding how Management Control Systems (MCS) enhance Analytical Capability (AC), which ultimately impacts Organizational Competitiveness (OC). The findings suggest that implementing strict management control systems enables organizations to establish a structured framework for data collection, processing, and utilization. Firms with strong control mechanisms are generally more systematic in integrating analytical technology, which enhances their ability to generate data-driven insights and make informed strategic decisions.

Moreover, the results indicate that Organizational Learning (OL) acts as a partial mediator in the relationship between MCS and AC. This confirms that organizations with a strong learning culture can maximize the benefits of management control systems [17], as employees are better equipped to interpret and apply analytical data effectively in decision-making [18], [19]. In other words, an effective MCS should be supported by a learning-oriented environment to optimize its impact on analytical capability. Furthermore, analytical capability significantly contributes to organizational competitiveness. Regression results highlight that firms with strong analytical capabilities are better positioned to innovate, adapt to market changes, and make precise strategic decisions [20]–[22]. Thus, developing analytical capability is not only a competitive advantage but also a critical factor in maintaining a firm's market position [23]. This study is essential for several reasons. In the digital era, businesses face increasing challenges in managing and analyzing data to support strategic decision-making. The findings emphasize that effective management control, combined with organizational learning, enhances analytical capability, which in turn strengthens competitiveness. In terms of academic contributions, this research provides a new perspective on strategic management and control literature by demonstrating how organizational learning strengthens the link between MCS and analytical capability. It extends previous studies by proving that analytical capability plays a crucial role in driving organizational competitiveness. From a policy and managerial perspective, the study offers valuable implications. For policymakers, this research provides a foundation for designing policies that encourage data-driven and transparent management control systems. For business managers, the findings highlight the importance of fostering a learning culture to maximize the potential of management control systems (MCS) as a competitive advantage. By integrating these principles into corporate strategies, firms can strengthen their decision-making processes and market resilience. This study builds upon and extends previous research findings. Regarding MCS and analytical capability, the results align with studies by Simons [24] and Chenhall [25], which suggest that Management Control Systems improve an organization's ability to make data-driven decisions. However, this study adds new insight by demonstrating that the effectiveness of MCS depends on the mediating role of organizational learning. Additionally, the study supports [11], who found that organizational learning facilitates companies in adapting their management and data analytics strategies. Unlike prior research, this study specifically examines manufacturing firms in Indonesia, providing empirical evidence that is particularly relevant to developing economies. Regarding analytical capability and competitiveness, the findings are consistent with Davenport & Harris [26], who argued that strong analytical capabilities drive innovation and data-based decision-making. This study further reinforces that competitiveness is not just about adopting new technologies but also about how organizations effectively manage and utilize information through control mechanisms.

3.11 Implications of the Research

This study strengthens the conceptual framework linking MCS, organizational learning, analytical capability, and competitiveness. A key contribution is its empirical examination of organizational learning as a mediator, which has received limited attention in previous studies. For businesses, this study emphasizes that MCS implementation must be accompanied by organizational learning initiatives to optimize its impact on analytical capability. For managers, the results suggest that analytical capability should be developed as a strategic tool for enhancing competitiveness, requiring investment in employee analytics training and advanced data-driven decision-making processes. Policymakers can use these findings to develop regulations that encourage the adoption of data-driven management practices in the manufacturing sector. Additionally, incentive programs should be introduced to support companies in building a learning-oriented corporate culture, such as training programs, analytics certifications, and government-supported digital transformation initiatives. While this study offers valuable insights, it has several limitations. First, regarding industry scope, the research focuses exclusively on large manufacturing firms in Indonesia, making it uncertain whether the results can be generalized to other industries such as services or technology [27]. Second, the study follows a cross-sectional design, which limits its ability to track long-term changes in MCS, OL, AC, and OC. Lastly, this research does not incorporate moderating variables, such as firm size, operational complexity, or competitive market conditions, which may influence the relationships between the studied variables.

To address these limitations, future studies should focus on several key areas. First, longitudinal research should be conducted to explore how MCS, OL, AC, and competitiveness evolve over time. Second, similar research should be extended to other sectors, such as services and technology, to determine the generalizability of the findings. Lastly, future studies should incorporate moderating factors, such as organizational size, operational complexity, and market competitiveness, to develop a more comprehensive analytical model.

4. CONCLUSION

This study confirms that Management Control Systems (MCS) and Organizational Learning (OL) play a crucial role in enhancing Analytical Capability (AC), which in turn significantly influences Organizational Competitiveness (OC). The empirical findings strongly support the hypothesis that structured control mechanisms and continuous learning processes contribute to an organization's ability to analyze data effectively and maintain a competitive advantage. The Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) results validate the relationships among the key variables, where MCS has a strong positive impact on AC ($\beta = 0.65$, $p < 0.001$), demonstrating that firms with structured management control frameworks develop better data-driven decision-making processes. Moreover, OL acts as a significant partial mediator between MCS and AC ($\beta = 0.42$, $p < 0.01$), highlighting the importance of continuous learning in maximizing the benefits of control systems. Furthermore, AC has a strong and direct impact on OC ($\beta = 0.71$, $p < 0.001$), confirming that firms with high analytical capability are more innovative, adaptive, and competitive in the market. Further regression analysis shows that for every one-unit increase in AC, OC increases by 0.77 units, indicating that analytical capability is a key determinant of firm competitiveness. The model fit indices (CFI = 0.94, RMSEA = 0.05, SRMR = 0.04) confirm that the proposed model is robust and reliable. These findings have several implications. For businesses, the study suggests that companies should integrate MCS with OL strategies to enhance their analytical capabilities, leading to better strategic decision-making and improved competitiveness. For policymakers, the research underscores the need for policies that support data-driven management practices and organizational learning initiatives. However, this study has certain limitations. The research focuses on large manufacturing firms in Indonesia, which may limit its applicability to smaller firms or other industries. Additionally, its cross-sectional design does not capture longitudinal effects of MCS, OL, and AC on OC over time. Future research should consider longitudinal studies across multiple industries and explore the role of moderating factors such as firm size, technological adoption, and industry dynamics. In conclusion, this study highlights the strategic importance of combining structured management control with continuous learning to optimize analytical capabilities and sustain long-term competitiveness. As firms navigate digital transformation, those that effectively integrate MCS and OL will be better positioned to enhance innovation, improve market performance, and drive long-term growth.

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