Examining the Impact of Project Management Methodology on Construction Project Success. Using Risk Management as a Mediator and Organizational Culture as a Moderator

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ABSTRACT

Purpose: The objective of this empirical study was to examine this relationship using 03 different dimensions of various elements of any Project management methodology i.e. having a comprehensive set of elements, supplementing missing elements & applying relevant elements, and assessing their impact on project success.

Design/Methodology/Approach: Data is collected from 261 respondents from the construction industry of Punjab, Pakistan with the help of a research questionnaire. Partial Least Squared-Structural Equation modeling is used to analyze the data through Smart PLS.

Findings: The results of this study indicate that all three dimensions have a significant and positive impact on project success. Furthermore, mediation by risk management and moderation by organizational culture is also found to be present in these relationships.

Implications/Originality/Value: These results implicate that by using relevant dimensions of various elements of project management methodology, the project success rate can be enhanced for construction projects.

Introduction

Different Industries play a role in economic growth of developing countries, construction is one such important industry that plays a pivotal role in economic development of the country (Farooq, Thaheem, & Arshad, 2018). The path towards the continuation and expansion of this industry is the delivery of successful projects. Hence Abdulla and Al-Hashimi (2019) have said that organizations have core focus
directed towards project success.

Because construction activities include interaction among a huge no. of stakeholders thus this industry is way more complex and poses many challenges that other industries simply don’t (Demirkesen & Ozorhon, 2017). Reduction in risk, cost and time delays and enhancement of project performance are few benefits of using project management methodologies (PMI, 2010). It is better to understand different constructs and elements of a project management methodology and then analyze their impact on performance of a project (Joslin & Müller, 2015).

There have been several studies exploring the relationship of project management methodologies (including the specific studies with different dimensions of project management methodology elements) and projects success (Abdulla & Al-Hashimi, 2019; Joslin & Müller, 2015; Rozenes, 2011). But still, researchers like Joslin and Müller (2015) have suggested that the role of mediators and/or moderator that affect the relationship of project management methodology element dimensions and project success needs to be studied. Thus, there is a gap in literature for a study where the relationship of different dimensions of project management methodology element and project success is studied with other influencing mediating and moderating variables. This literature gap is intended to be filled by this research.

Project success is the prime indicator of construction project performance and thus main focus of performing organizations is to eradicate the this problem by enhancing project success rate (Abdulla & Al-Hashimi, 2019). thus, this relationship is studied in this research for construction industry to solve the problem at hand.

After carefully exploring the relevant literature multiple objectives are set out for the research being conducted i.e. to study the impact of dimensions of project management methodology elements on project success for construction industry of Punjab Pakistan, to analyze whether a mediating role is played by risk management on relationship of dimensions project management methodology elements and project success, to analyze whether a moderating role is played by organizational culture on relationship of dimensions project management methodology elements and project success.

This study will help establish a link between different dimensions of project management methodology elements and project performance for construction industry of Punjab Pakistan. Furthermore, an understanding of two additional factors i.e. risk management and organizational culture, which seem to have influence on relationship of project management methodology element dimensions and performance of the project will be created.

**Theoretical Framework**

There are many definitions of a project in literature but in general a project can be defined as a temporary group of activities being done in a specific way to create a unique product, service, or result. However, projects can be spread among different organizations or different departments of same organization as well because every project needs specific skills or resources to perform different tasks.

Project management can be defined as the application of the skills knowledge, techniques and tools relevant to project activities that are required to meet the project necessities (PMI, 2013).

In Pakistan, construction is a big industry and is growing exponentially with support of government and private sector alike. As per a report from GOP (2021), construction industry activity has increased by 8 % in the fiscal year 2020 only. Pakistan construction industry supports the GDP by its contribution of 2.4 % and it generates employment opportunities for around 7.3 % of the total work force in Pakistan as stated by Ministry of Finance (2015). Construction Industry of Pakistan like most other developing countries has lots of challenges regarding performance and project management (Azhar et al., 2008) and needs lots of improvement to make significant and optimized progress.
Project success
While talking about construction projects, the most import phenomenon is the measurement of project performance or project success because it is an accepted fact that whatever can be not measured it can also not be managed (Broadbent, 2007). PMI also adds another element in success criteria definition and states that the project management objectives include "Scope, cost, time and quality as well". The project management success can be considered in terms of finishing a project within the constraints of project scope, project time, project quality, project cost, its resources, and the project risks as agreed between the manager of the project, senior management, and other key stakeholders (PMI, 2013).

Literature shows that the Iron triangle formulates the foundation of most of the recently developed success criteria and the major reason for that is that this criteria takes the measures for project success that can be easily and objectively quantified i.e. cost, duration, and scope (Agarwal & Rathod, 2006; Fortune & White, 2006).

Project Management Methodology
Project management is much more evolved today and its importance in the industry is not something that can be neglected (Damoah & Kumi, 2018). Berssaneti and Carvalho (2015) state that project management is implemented to enhance project performance. Thus, the reason and intent behind introduction and utilization of project management methodologies is quite evident i.e. enhancement of project performance/success chances.

Due to increased complexity of projects there is a surge in usage of project management methodologies (Schoeneberg, 2011). However, having said all that this is not the ultimate fact. There are different researchers who have argued that the impact of project management methodologies is still a subject that is not fully explored and need lots of work done on it (Aubry & Hobbs, 2011). Thus it is better to understand different constructs and elements of a project management methodology and then analyze their impact on performance of a project as done by Joslin and Müller (2015).

Risk management
Risk management as defined by Tohidi (2011) is the systematic process involving identification of risk, assessment of risk, and application of methods to minimize the impact of risk within allowable tolerances. Nowadays, risk management is a must element of modern project management and modern day project management is considered incomplete and invalid without proper risk management (del Caño Gochi & Cruz, 2002; Olsson, 2007). Researches depict that the non-presence of effective risk management process in project management can have serious negative impacts on performance of projects (Serpella, Ferrada, Howard, & Rubio, 2014). However, despite the increased knowledge of the field, the construction sector is still attributed with a poor risk management adoption approach (Laryea, 2008). This needs to be addressed to enhance project performance probabilities.

Organizational culture
Organizational culture is one of the phenomenon’s, the impact of which is greatly being explored on organizational and project performance. It can be simply defined as a combination of values, norms, attitudes, and beliefs which are apparent in an organization, and they exist on their own with any proper formulation.

If we involve the context of project management specifically project management methodology, we can say that organizational culture is something that comprises of different actions that an organization takes, and this also includes the implementation or abandonment of a project management methodology. This can be translated into the fact that project management implementation or execution in any organization can bring change to its organizational culture. And also vice versa that if we can maintain or create such an organizational culture that it complements the methodology being adopted then chances of high organizational performance also increase (Piwowar-Sulej, 2021).
**Conceptual Model and Hypothesis**

**Project Management Methodology Elements and Project Success**

Researchers have inferred that the main agenda for inclusion of project management methodologies in project management practices is to enhance the chances of project success. Because at the end of the day the executives are looking for performance enhancement of projects and process in return of their invested resources for implementation of project management (Berssaneti & Carvalho, 2015; Carvalho et al., 2015). Research suggests that it is a better approach to divide the project management into its smaller constructs commonly known as elements and then study its impact on project performance to get a better idea about the relationship. The 05 different elements defined by Joslin and Müller (2015) in their research are tools, techniques, processes, knowledge areas and capability profiles. They further use different dimensions of these elements to measure the application of these elements of any project management methodology.

In this study this idea of using different dimensions of project management methodology elements to measure how efficiently and effectively a project management methodology is used and what impact can it have on project performance is used. Other studies have been conducted to investigate project performance and its relation to different project management constructs (Abdulla & Al-Hashimi, 2019; Demirkesen & Ozorhon, 2017). It is however inferred in general from literature support that project management methodologies will enhance performance of the projects (Abdulla & Al-Hashimi, 2019).

**H1 Different dimensions of project management methodology element have an impact on project success for construction industry.**

**H1.1 There is a positive impact of having comprehensive Set of methodology elements on project success for construction industry.**

**H1.2 There is a positive impact of Supplementing missing methodology elements on project success for construction industry.**

**H1.3 There is a positive impact of Applying relevant methodology elements on project success for construction industry.**

**Risk Management as a Mediator to the Relationship**

Construction industry has inherent risks associated with it and even though there have been lots of research on this area but still construction industry is said to have quite poor performance when it comes to risk management implementation (Laryea, 2008). A relationship is established from literature among Risk management and project management methodologies because as per the result of research conducted by Brzozowski (2020), a high influence was observed on effective risk management due to effective usage project management methodologies. Also, PMI (2010) states that adhering to project management methodologies reduces the risk, cuts the costs and improves the project success rates. Similar results are obtained from the research of Serpella et al. (2014) who suggests that effective risk management is achieved through implementation of a proper and systematic project management methodology thus confirming our observation of existence of a relationship between project management methodologies and risk management. Furthermore, another relationship is well researched in literature that is of risk management and project success and there is lots of supporting literature that validates this relationship. For instance research depicts that in the construction industry of Pakistan Risk management brings out cost saving and time saving in projects (Tahir et al., 2019). Thus, by assessing these above two different relationships we have created the following hypothesis about mediation of risk management.

**H2: Risk management plays role of a mediator on the relationship of different dimensions of project management methodology elements and project success.**

**H2.1 Risk management plays role of a mediator between relationship of having comprehensive Set of methodology elements and project success**

**H2.2 Risk management plays role of a mediator between relationship of Supplementing missing methodology elements and project success**

**H2.3 Risk management plays role of a mediator between relationship of Applying relevant methodology elements and project success**
Organizational Culture as a Moderator to the Relationship

Marconi and Lakatos (2003) define moderating variable, as a variable that is a factor, phenomenon or property that also impacts the dependent variable, but to a lesser extent, thus influencing the relationship between the independent and the dependent variables. Research depicts that Organizational culture has an impact on different aspect of any organization including aspect of project management (Piwowar-Sulej, 2021). In a research conducted in USA by Yazici (2009), results suggested that organizational success is linked with maturity of Project management and in extension project management methodology maturity when it creates a coherent impact in combination with organizational culture.

Piwowar-Sulej (2021) states that evaluation of relationship between organizational culture’s different features and project management methodology is quite an interesting research problem and it should be studied for different features to understand this relationship. He further states in his research that organizational culture is the most critical factor while determining the adoption of any particular project management methodology. Based on above literature review following hypothesis are prepared.

**H3:** Organizational Culture plays moderating role on the relationship of different dimensions of project management methodology elements and project success.

**H3.1** Organizational Culture moderates the relationship of having comprehensive Set of methodology elements and project success

**H3.2** Organizational Culture moderates the relationship of Supplementing missing methodology elements and project success

**H3.3** Organizational Culture moderates the relationship of Applying relevant methodology elements and project success

The following conceptual research model is adapted from study conducted by Joslin and Müller (2015) and literature review.

**Methodology**

Based on nature of study, there can be different types of research design i.e Cross sectional study, before and after study design and longitudinal study. The current research design is a cross sectional quantitative research, as the data is collected once from the targeted population and is analyzed to test the developed hypothesis.

The Target population consists of the entire group of people of researcher's attention that for whom he wants to explore or study (Sekaran & Bougie, 2009). For the subject study targeted population is individuals working in project management teams with roles relevant to project management in construction industry of Punjab, Pakistan.
Sampling Technique and Sample size estimation
In the current study non-Probability sampling is used due to restrictions due to COVID-19 pandemic. Convenient sampling which is a type of non-probability sampling is used here specifically. However as stated earlier every effort is made to include representative of all categories of construction parties, every types of construction projects, project team members of different experiences and from different organizations.

There are different methods to estimate the sample size for a research as proposed by different researchers. However, Joseph F Hair, Anderson, Babin, and Black (2010) have proposed a simpler way to decide the research population. According to Joseph F Hair et al. (2010) a research sample size can be determined from the number of elements in the questionnaire of research by multiplying it with five. Considering the limited time for research available we have used this aforementioned technique. As there was total 46 elements in the questionnaire (excluding the demographic part) so the total sample size for research came out as (46 x 5) = 230 samples.

Data Collection Tool and Data Collection Procedure
In this study a research questionnaire was adapted from different studies done previously involving constructs of our study and it was used for the collection of data. The questionnaire is shown at the end of this paper. Research items were adapted as per below stipulated details.

| Variable | Type of variable | Source | Items | CA  | CR  |
|----------|------------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| Project Success | Dependent Variable | (Tahir et al., 2019) | 7 | 0.75 | 0.86 |
| Project Management Dimensions | Independent Variable | (Joslin & Müller, 2015) | 5 | 0.82 | 0.82 |
| Comprehensive set of elements | Independent Variable | 5 | 0.84 | 0.84 |
| Supplementing missing elements | Independent Variable | 5 | 0.84 | 0.84 |
| Applying relevant items | Independent Variable | 5 | 0.84 | 0.84 |
| Risk Management | Mediating Variable | (Tahir et al., 2019) | 10 | 0.82 | 0.82 |
| Organizational Culture | Moderating Variable | (Iivari & Iivari, 2011) | 12 | 0.75 | 0.75 |

For all construct items mentioned above a five-point likert scale was used i.e. Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Neutral, Agree and Strongly Agree.

Research Data Collection
For data collection google forms was used. Google form was prepared consisting on all the questions of research questionnaire.

Data Analysis Tool and Techniques
This study has used partial least square - structural equation modeling (PLS-SEM) technique for testing the quantitative hypotheses. Smart PLS 3.3.3, the latest version has been used for applying PLS-SEM technique (Ringle, et al., 2015). The use of PLS technique is widely acceptable for the development or refinement of theories. Even with small data set, PLS technique produces unbiased estimates of the
parameters which cannot be possible with other modeling with AMOS or LISREL (Robins, 2012). SMART PLS is used in this study to perform all the required analysis.

Results
This section contains details of different steps of PLS-SEM techniques used in analysis along with the empirical results from each step. Firstly, properties of the measurement model are analyzed to find validity and reliability. In the second step, as recommended, bootstrapping with 5000 subsamples procedure is applied through Smart PLS 3.3.3 to show the significance levels of the path coefficients and each of the item loading with t-values.

Following table contains the guidelines for assessment of measurement model results.

| Table 2 | Guidelines/Thresholds for Measurement model analysis |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| **Criterion** | **Recommendations** | **Source** |
| Internal Consistency | a. Cronbach alpha value should be greater than 0.7 | (Nunnally & Nunnaly, 1978) |
| Reliability | b. Composite Reliability should be more than 0.70 | (Nunnally & Nunnaly, 1978) |
| | AVEs must be greater than 0.50. | (Joe F Hair, Ringle, & Sarstedt, 2011) |
| Convergent Validity | a. HTMT ratio of the correlation should be less than 0.90. | (Henseler, Ringle, & Sarstedt, 2015) |
| Discriminant Validity | b. Square root of AVE for each construct must be more than correlations between constructs. | (Fornell & Larcker, 1981) |

The guidelines for the estimation of the structural model and the threshold values are provided in the table given below.

| Table 3 | Guidelines/Thresholds for Structural model analysis |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| **Criterion** | **Recommendations** | **Source** |
| R square -Coefficient of Determination | In the structural models, R square values of 0.25, 0.50, and 0.75 are taken as low, moderate and high respectively. | (Joe F Hair et al., 2011) |
| P-Value | Should be less than 0.05 i.e. Significance level of 5% or below indicates a significant relationship | (Joe F Hair et al., 2011) |
| T- Value | Should be more than 1.96 against significance level of 5% | (Joe F Hair et al., 2011) |

Measurement Model
Measurement model is an examination and evaluation for reliability (composite reliability, Cronbach alpha and indicator reliability) and validity (convergent and discriminant validity) (Hair et al., 2014).

Reliability and Convergent Validity
First analysis was to assess the health of research instrument. To do that following measurement model was prepared and analysis was done on it.
First of all, the outer loading of the indicators is assessed to check which indicators are representing the construct efficiently. The value of outer loading greater than or near to 0.70 is considered suitable to represent the latent construct. The items having lower outer loading are removed to get a better and reliable result.

Reliability of all the variables are analyzed to check their internal consistency with Cronbach’s alpha value that should be greater than 0.7 as per the criteria stipulated in Table 2. In this study, the Cronbach alpha of all the variables lie above this value with a minimum value of 0.753 corresponding to the dependent variable project success.

Composite reliability is also used to show the internal consistency of the constructs. Its value should be more than 0.7 as mentioned in Table 2. In this research the values of all the constructs are in the normal ranges of Composite Reliability which means that the measures of our variables are reliable, as shown in the table.
In the same table, the values of Average Variance Extracted (AVE) shows the validity of the constructs. It shows the level to which the items are explaining the variables. Its acceptable value is greater than 0.5 as stipulated in Table 2. AVE gives the validity of the constructs showing that all the items of that construct are measuring the construct.

**Discriminant Validity**

To measure and check the discriminant validity two different criteria’s are used i.e. Heterotrait-monotrait ration criteria and Fornel-Larcker Criteria. Following tables, Table 5 and Table 6 represent the results. Since all values are less than 0.9 in HTMT ratio criteria and all the square root value of AVE for each construct mentioned in the diagonal are larger than the values in off-diagonal form i.e., correlations between constructs which is the acceptance criteria as mentioned in table 2, we can confirm that discriminant validity is established by each of the criteria used.

### Table 5

|       | OC   | PMM ARE | PMM CSE | PMM SME | PS   | RM   |
|-------|------|---------|---------|---------|------|------|
| OC    |      |         |         |         |      |      |
| PMM ARE | 0.228 |         |         |         |      |      |
| PMM CSE | 0.181 | 0.755   |         |         |      |      |
| PMM SME | 0.148 | 0.771   | 0.746   |         |      |      |
| PS    | 0.611 | 0.372   | 0.422   | 0.402   |      |      |
| RM    | 0.389 | 0.681   | 0.691   | 0.704   | 0.542 |      |

### Table 6

|       | OC   | PMM ARE | PMM CSE | PMM SME | PS   | RM   |
|-------|------|---------|---------|---------|------|------|
| OC    | 0.712 |         |         |         |      |      |
| PMM ARE | 0.225 | 0.779   |         |         |      |      |
| PMM CSE | 0.182 | 0.759   | 0.782   |         |      |      |
| PMM SME | 0.152 | 0.773   | 0.751   | 0.794   |      |      |
| PS    | 0.611 | 0.370   | 0.423   | 0.406   | 0.712 |      |
| RM    | 0.382 | 0.680   | 0.694   | 0.704   | 0.538 | 0.790 |

**Collinearity Analysis**

To measure collinearity in Smart PLS the measure used in this research is the variance inflation factor (VIF) which measures the variance of increase in regression coefficient. VIF value of 1.0 indicates that the factors are not correlated. Collinearity of all the items is listed in the table below. The value of VIF between 5 and 10 shows a very high correlation that may not be accepted.

### Table 7

| Item   | VIF  |
|--------|------|
| OC_11  | 1.624|
| OC_12  | 1.540|
| OC_7   | 1.430|
| PMM_AR_2 | 2.037|
Above table shows that all values are within acceptable range and none of the items have high collinearity.

### Structural Equation Model

The next step is to check the value of the R square. It tells us the predictive power of the model. The value of R should be between 0 to 1. The value of R square is contextual and depends on the type of study. According to Joseph F Hair, Risher, Sarstedt, and Ringle (2019), values of R square 0.75, 0.50, and 0.25 mean substantial, moderate, and weak prediction respectively. Following table and figure show the R-Square results

| Table 8 | Coefficient of Determination (R Square) |
|---------|----------------------------------------|
|         | R Square | R Square Adjusted |
| PS      | 0.482    | 0.478            |
| RM      | 0.573    | 0.568            |

R^2 value of 0.482 represent a fairly moderate predictive power of independent variable on dependent variable. After this Mediation and moderation analysis were done using bootstrapping. The detailed results are stipulated in below sections.

### Mediation Analysis

After checking the value of R-Square next step was to do bootstrapping of models to test all the hypothesis. Firstly, bootstrapping was done for mediation and direct relationships keeping the subsample size as 5000 and significant level set at 0.05. Following model is used for mediation analysis,
Following table consists of results bootstrapping with Beta values, T values and P values for direct relationship

| Total Effects – Direct relationship | Beta Value | T Value | P Values | Interpretation       |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------|----------|----------------------|
| PMM ARE -> PS                      | 0.114      | 4.215   | 0.000    | Significant (H1.1)   |
| PMM ARE -> RM                      | 0.209      | 5.558   | 0.000    | Significant          |
| PMM CSE -> PS                      | 0.161      | 2.636   | 0.008    | Significant (H1.2)   |
| PMM CSE -> RM                      | 0.293      | 3.015   | 0.003    | Significant          |
| PMM SME -> PS                      | 0.177      | 2.337   | 0.019    | Significant (H1.3)   |
| PMM SME -> RM                      | 0.323      | 2.564   | 0.010    | Significant          |
| RM -> PS                           | 0.548      | 6.845   | 0.000    | Significant          |

Following table consists of results Bootstrapping with Beta values, T values and P values for mediation relationship

| Specific Indirect path – Mediation | Beta Value | T Value | P Values | Interpretation       |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------|----------|----------------------|
| PMM CSE -> RM -> PS              | 0.114      | 2.636   | 0.008    | Significant (H2.1)   |
| PMM SME -> RM -> PS              | 0.177      | 2.337   | 0.019    | Significant (H2.2)   |
| PMM ARE -> RM -> PS              | 0.161      | 4.215   | 0.000    | Significant (H2.3)   |

In order to check the mediation, we have to check the direct and indirect path of the variable. Full Mediation exists if there is no direct effect and significant indirect effect. It is clear from the above table 9 and 10 that there is a direct relationship in all 3 independent constructs and project success. Also, all 3 mediations results are significant as P value is less than 0.05 and T value is more than 1.96 as per the criteria stipulated in Table 3 for all of these.

Thus, this depicts that a direct relation exists between all three independent variables and project success and furthermore, risk management play’s role of a partial mediation in all three relationships.

**Moderation Analysis**

After the direct and mediation relationships, moderation hypothesis are tested again with bootstrapping by keeping the subsample size as 5000 and significant level set at 0.05. Moderation was checked via bootstrapping between Project management methodology—Comprehensive set of elements (IV-1) →
Organizational Culture (Mod) → Project success (DV), Project management methodology—Supplementing missing elements (IV-2) → Organizational Culture (Mod) → Project success (DV), Project management methodology—Applying relevant elements (IV-3) → Organizational Culture (Mod) → Project success (DV). Following model is used for moderation analysis,

![Diagram](image)

**Figure 4: Structural model -- Moderation**

Below Table Contains the results for bootstrapping run for moderation analysis.

| Path coefficients – Moderation analysis | Beta Value | T Value | P Values | Interpretation       |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|----------------------|
| PMM CSE x OC --→ PS --→ PS            | 0.501     | 5.251   | 0.000    | Significant (H3.1)   |
| PMM SME x OC --→ PS --→ PS            | 0.478     | 2.481   | 0.013    | Significant (H3.2)   |
| PMM ARE x OC --→ PS --→ PS            | 0.445     | 1.487   | 0.138    | Insignificant (H3.3) |

Above results depict that only first and second relationship is valid in above table hence this means that H 3.1 and H 3.2 are valid, whereas hypothesis H 3.3 comes out as insignificant. These results affirm that a moderation exists between following two tested relationships by organizational culture

a. Comprehensive set of Project management methodology elements and project success.

b. Supplementing missing elements of Project management methodology and project success.

Whereas no moderation exists by organizational culture on the following relationship

a. Applying relevant elements of Project management methodology and project success.

**Discussion**

After analyzing the results of research, the following points can be concluded. Hypothesis H1.1, H1.2 & H 1.3 are tested valid proving that there exists an impact of project management methodology specifically different dimensions of project management methodology elements on project success. Hypothesis H2.1, H2.2 & H 2.3 are tested valid proving that risk management plays a role of mediator in the relationship of project management methodologies and project success with partial mediation. Hypothesis H3.1 & H3.2 are tested valid proving that organizational culture plays a role of moderator in relationship of Comprehensive set of methodology elements and supplementing missing elements of project management methodology and project success respectively. Hypothesis H3.3 has been tested invalid proving that
organizational culture does not play a role of moderator in relationship of applying relevant elements of project management methodology and project success.

**Implications of Study**

The theoretical implications of the research are that this adds knowledge to the existing knowledge base about the relationship of project management methodology with project success. Further it adds two other constructs that have an influence on this relationship as evident from results of this study. This new knowledge about two additional constructs opens up new dimensions of assessing the relationship of project management methodology and project success and it will help researcher in future to further extend this study into similar dimensions.

The Practical implications of this research are also very noteworthy as it will help practitioners in understanding the impact of project management methodology along with different dimensions of its elements on the performance of project especially in construction sector. Practitioners will not only be able to use the findings of this study to enhance project performance but also they will be able to achieve the best results by keeping in mind the other two factors i.e. risk management and organizational culture that have an influence on this relationship. Thus it can be used to enhance the project performance and solve the problem studied in this research.

**Research Limitations and Future Recommendations**

This research had certain limitation i.e. Research work is related to construction projects only thus its results may not be valid for projects of other industries, Research is performed in Punjab region under current construction policies thus its results may not remain valid due to change in geographical region or country construction laws and practices, mostly responses collected were from private sector organizations having majorly industrial building projects due to limited access available because of COVID-19 Pandemic.

There is a strong need to enhance project success rate and to do so one of such factors studied in this research is project management methodology. Future studies can firstly study other mediating and moderating variables to see what enhances the impact of project management methodology on project success. Findings of this study can be further used to extend the relationship one step ahead i.e. relationship studied is till project success, researchers can study the impact of project success on other variables such as organizational performance etc. Lastly other independent variables can also be studied that can have an influence on project success with same mediator and moderator as well.

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