



The Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on Talent Acquisition in Human Resource Management

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Abstract

Accentuating its role in many industries, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has transformed Human Resource Management (HRM), particularly Talent Acquisition (TA). This paper focuses on the ways in which AI changes TA in HRM by improving work processes, diversifying the applicant pool, and improving recruitment success. Using a quantitative research approach, the study invites 204 respondents. It applies complex statistical methods, regression analysis, Correlation, T-tests, and ANOVA to determine to what extent the AI can revolutionise the talent acquisition process. The study provided support for the hypothesised relationships, suggesting that there are benefits in implementing AI, and that implementation triggers change in talent acquisition processes. Finally, this study contributes to knowledge that can be applied to further strategic developments for HR departments as they continue to undergo change and seek ways toward implementing better and equal recruitment processes.

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1. Introduction

As technology continues to advance at a dizzying pace, the subject of Artificial Intelligence, AI, has become a crucial field in the management of activities within organisations, particularly in Human Resource Management, HRM. Driven by a keen awareness of the competitive requirements in any economy to attract and maintain an optimal quality workforce, the application of AI in TA has emerged as an area of considerable interest. Technology, computers that imitate human intelligence, also known as AI, improves operational intelligence through fast repetition working and data processing, increasing the effectiveness of the operation system in the human resource department.

Artificial intelligence, or AI for short, is a process that is developing at a very high rate and has become a part of almost all the fields of human activity, and human resource management is no exception. Perhaps one of the most significant areas impacted by this shift is in recruitment, in which a number of tasks fall under the banner of AI tools and algorithms modernising processes and increasing the potential for better decision-making. It is now important for organisations to know how competitive the recruiting environment is for listing top talent in today's labour market, AI. The most unique ideas of the recruitment problem of such a tradition empower the HR employees in the cadre's identification, communication and selection.

Applying AI in talent acquisition brings not only effectiveness but also effectiveness in the selection process, according to some numbers. The use of technology in large recruiting tactics such as automated resume screening and the use of predictive analysis that predicts your hiring requirements for the future, AI is more tactically applicable in the recruitment process. However, these so-called 'technological advances' introduce important bias concerns, data protection issues, and that quintessential human aspect in employing people. To comprehend all these broad connotations which lie in this one technology, they are multifaceted. Organisational organisation competencies are useful in managing the challenges that characterise modern human resource management in terms of talent acquisition.

The reason why it is important to look at the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on talent acquisition from within the field of human resource management (HRM) lies in the nature of significant transformations that are currently happening regarding the recruitment of new talent. Given how more entities use AI technologies as part of the screening mechanisms in work organisations, it is important to understand the repercussions on their outcomes, processes, and candidates. Realising a more elaborate search would be capable of identifying

the successful strategies, associated risks and successes of artificial intelligence-based methods for attracting and retaining qualified personnel.

Besides, it is critical to study this influence for its potential to address the questions related to employment discrimination and equality. AI may work as a result of the existence of an embedded bias into the program and its work, as long as it is very well planned out and someone's eyes are always on it. Therefore, the research made in this area can help organisations to implement the AI solutions necessary for creating a diverse and inclusive working environment, ensuring bias-free hiring. It's possible to identify the strengths and challenges that come with AI. In talent acquisition, stakeholders would be in a position to recommend the applicability of technological improvements to the intended goal of an organisation. Finally, this research offers insights into how and when AI can enhance HRM practices and explain how, in turn, they might support a humanised approach to the employment process.

Following the topic "The Effect of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) on Talent acquisition in Human resource management," it is becoming more and more essential as AI is revolutionising the processes of recruiting talents. AI optimises productivity as hiring managers do not have to spend as much time on resume filtering and shortlisting the candidates, which greatly cuts down the hiring duration (Mehta et al., 2023). Furthermore, it means that AI-based analytics are different since they present information applicable to crucial decision-making and enable overcoming biases linked with recruitment (Binns, 2022). Applicants benefit from technologies, including the use of chatbots, which enable timely and tailor-made communications (López et al., 2023). AIAI also contributes to the improvement of diversity and inclusion by analysing and selecting a wider pool of applicants (Cascio & Montealegre, 2023). Because the skills and knowledge are aligned well with formal job specifications, AI turnover rates remain low, with lower turnover costs making up for the overall hiring costs in the future (Deloitte, 2023). Also, there is an increased capacity to handle a greater number of applicants through AI systems while at the same time advancing the talent acquisition process, thus improving an organisation's ability to obtain high-quality talent compared to other organisations (Culnan & Boudreau, 2022). Other algorithms enhance learning about hiring practices to continually improve upon them, building on results and outcomes, pointing towards the significance of HR professionals comprehending the use of AIAI in the modern workplace (KPMG, 2023).

TA is about the provision of an automated and efficient system of people sourcing, and this paper brings out the ways in which AI could improve the existing recruitment puzzle by eradicating human influence, enhancing candidate

experience and developing overall mastery in the area. The literature and practical application of this research are based on the development of AI technologies in HRM and the desire to know the evaluation of AI effects on TA processes. More precisely, the study will analyse how the views of HR professionals regarding the ease of use of AI predict its usage in relation to TA and the potential impacts of AI on diversity and recruitment.

The objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To investigate the impact of AI on the efficiency of TA processes in HRM.
2. To explore the relationship between HR professionals' perceptions of AI ease of use and its adoption in TA.
3. To assess whether AI adoption significantly improves recruitment outcomes.
4. To determine whether AI reduces bias and promotes diversity in recruitment.

2. Literature Review and Hypothesis Development

AI has been a focal area of study in the context of HRM in the last few years, mainly because of the drive towards organisational effectiveness, mainly through talent acquisition. The potential of AI to manage a great volume of information and routine administrative work and support decision-making based on the patterns recognised by the algorithm has placed the technology at the service of the HR specialists (Bersin, 2018). The first benefit of AI implementation in the field of HRM is the possibility of improving recruitment procedures. Research conducted by Gupta et al. (2019) demonstrates that through the integration of AI, it is possible to eliminate many of the phases in TA, including candidate sourcing, resume search, and scheduling of interviews and save a lot of time for the executive HR teams. Also, AI-based tools are more effective than humans in evaluating a candidate's skills and qualifications and reducing bias (Stone et al., 2020).

Another important stream of study is AI and its application in increasing diversity within organisations. Some organisations, such as Unilever company and IBM, have adopted the use of AI in the recruitment process to prevent prejudice and discrimination (Kaplan & Haenlein, 2019). It can be concluded that AI systems can protect the candidate's identity, reduce bias, and provide concerns only with proficiency and experience, which are important in a diverse environment (Cappilli, 2020). Some studies have also looked into the issue of organisational

ease of use and AI adoption as perceived by HR professionals. According to Venkatesh et al. (2019), perceived ease of use is the most important factor influencing the level of technology adoption, including AI in HRM. Target HR actors' perceptions of the technology vary; while some perceive AI as intuitive, the use of the technology in the talent acquisition process results in better recruitment performance (Bondarouk & Brewster, 2016).

A number of quantitative study findings have shown that the implementation of AI has a positive impact on the effectiveness of HRM processes. Hiring of AI in working processes has confirmed the positive impact on the decision-making point, the performance of workers and the efficiency of talent strategies (Davenport & Ronanki, 2018). For instance, AI-based self-service BI can predict demand for manpower and identify potential symptoms of employees' dissatisfaction to allow the organisation to do everything possible to retain talented employees (Chamorro-Premuzic et al., 2017). The literature below points to the fact that AI is disruptive in the HRM arena, especially in the talent acquisition process. Moreover, as this type of technology moves further into application, it is crucial for organisations to develop the necessary tactics to reap the potential advantages AI can bring to helping solve their business problems while recognising and overcoming the weaknesses related to AI and biases, diverse demographics, and worker morale.

2.1 AI and Talent Acquisition

Machine learning is rapidly changing Talent Acquisition in a way that has never been possible before through refining recruitment and selection. Machine learning conducts a vast number of applicant assessments, and using proper measures, HR specialists are able to choose the right applicants who have the needed skills and experience (Choudhury et al., 2021). Additionally, it endeavours to reduce prejudice stemming from the use of unfair metrics since AI tools lead to a diversified workforce by eliminating procedural/racial discrimination (Binns, 2018). Self-service interfaces also foster candidate experience, which is enabled by chatbots and virtual assistants and enhances real-time conversation regarding the hiring process (Zhao et al., 2020). With more and more organisations adopting AI in the recruitment, they not only reduce the workload but also stand a better chance of securing and retaining the best candidates (Tambe et al., 2019).

2.2 AI and recruitment

AI plays an even greater role in the recruitment process since it greatly helps in accomplished evaluations and increases the efficiency of hiring activities in general. AI can compare resumes and align them with job descriptions using

machine learning algorithms with higher accuracy compared with conventional techniques, thus lowering hiring time and generating better hiring quality of hire (Davenport et al., 2020). However, since AI, the biases of the evaluators do not influence AI analysis algorithms, AI tools can support radical changes towards ensuring diverse and inclusive workplaces and labour markets (Binns, 2018). Besides, using chatbots and virtual assistants improves the candidate experience as they can communicate details in real-time and give feedback within the recruitment process, as suggested by Zhao et al. (2020). As organisations use AI technologies in recruitment, they do more than make the process faster and easier; they put themselves in a better place to capture the best talent (Tambe et al., 2019).

2.3 AI promotes diversity in the recruitment process.

Reducing biases and increasing diversity in the recruitment process depends on using AI for candidate evaluation and staying objective. Conventional hiring processes entail a higher tendency to discriminate specifically against some groups, but AI enables developers to create algorithms that briefly assess the capabilities and the experiences of the seekers. For instance, AI has been used in online advertisements to sieve through job descriptions, exclude biases, and improve the opportunities for access by those from all backgrounds (Dastin, 2018). Besides, machine learning models can capture hiring patterns and present differences that make it easier for organisations to understand and act upon unfairness in the hiring process (Krause et al., 2020). Through the use of AI, companies also improve equality in the process of hiring and promoting people as well as increasing the number of diverse employees, who in turn provide a wide range of approaches to problem-solving.

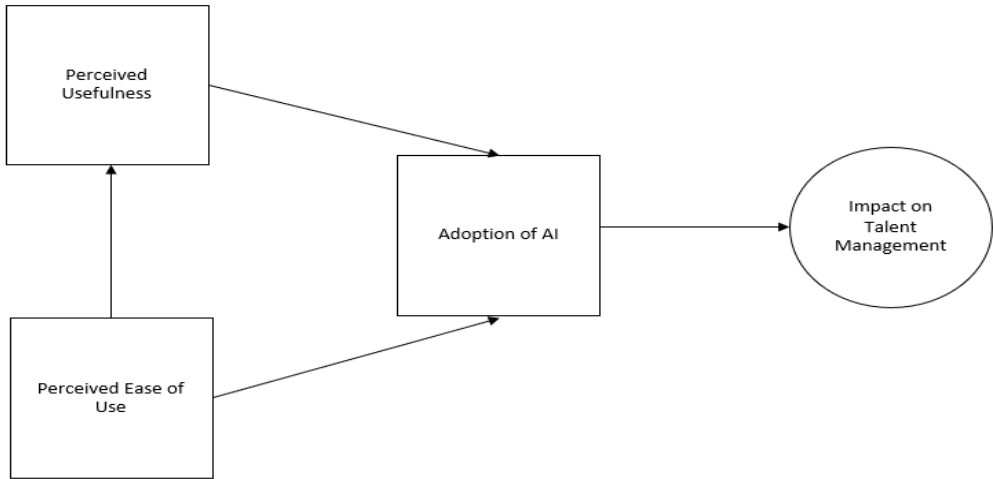


Figure 1: Framework proposed by the authors

Four key hypotheses drive the research framework (Refer Fig. 1):

- **H₁:** AI positively impacts the efficiency of Talent Acquisition in HRM.
- **H₂:** There is a significant correlation between HR professionals' perception of AI ease of use and AI adoption in Talent Acquisition.
- **H₃:** AI adoption leads to a statistically significant improvement in recruitment outcomes.
- **H₄:** AI reduces bias and promotes diversity in the recruitment process.

3. Research Methodology

This research adopts a quantitative method to examine AI's influence on Talent Acquisition in HRM. The survey targeted 204 participants to obtain their views on AI employment in the TA process. The respondents, the HR professionals, managers, and talent acquisition specialists, were asked to complete a questionnaire where they had to rate their level of agreeableness to a set of postulated statements on the perceived usefulness, ease of usage and improvement of the FMS. Questionnaire data were tapped from 60 respondents, and responses were measured by a Likert scale of 1 (strongly disagree) and 5 (strongly agree). In the questionnaire, AI was evaluated along with the factors of

attraction of the candidates, performance in screening, level of difficulty in implementing AI, and diversity impact. Furthermore, the survey captured the AI attitude of the HR professionals and their perception of the effect of bias minimisation. Descriptive statistics, chi-square, t-tests, correlation and analysis of variance (ANOVA) were used in the analysis of the data collected (Bindra *et al.*, 2023a). These methods were used to establish the results outlined in this research to test the four hypotheses advanced in this study and to assess the level of statistical significance (Bindra *et al.*, 2023b).

4. Findings & Data Analysis

4.1 Descriptive Statistics

The information gathered from the survey of 204 participants was quantitatively described by comparing the means of their responses to all aspects of the research instrument. As shown in Table 1 below, the following is a summary of the mean standard deviations of the variables used in the model.

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation
AI helps attract a wider pool of candidates	4.12	0.87
AI improves screening efficiency	4.05	0.92
AI is complex to implement	3.80	1.01
AI reduces bias and promotes diversity	3.91	0.85
Perceived ease of use of AI in TA	4.10	0.89

Descriptive statistics of the data collected from 204 respondents show some interesting insights in the context of the implementation of AI in TA. Results also showed that the mean for "Through AI, it is possible to attract a pool of candidates" was 4.12; thus, the perception is positive, and it had a standard deviation of 0.87. Similarly, AI is seen as improving screening efficiency (mean: 4.05, SD: 0.92). However, the aspect of AI implementation is moderately complex, according to the mean of 3.80 and a high standard deviation of 1.01. AI's role in reducing bias and promoting diversity scores a mean of 3.91 (SD: 0.85), whereas perceived usefulness of AI in TA is reasonably high at 3.85, (SD=0.85), whereas perceived ease of use is slightly higher, 4.10, SD = 0.89. These research findings

reveal the strengths and weaknesses of using Artificial Intelligence in the recruitment process.

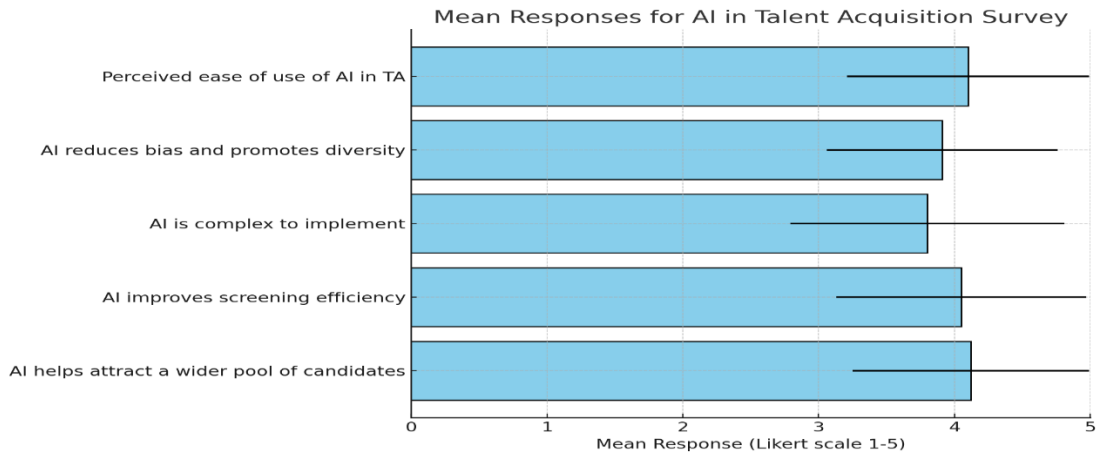


Figure 2: Mean responses for AI in TA survey.

The mean responses (Refer to Fig. 2) of the questions on the perceived usefulness and issues such as implementation difficulty in relation to the effects of AI on talent acquisition. However, there are several issues concerning AI implementation which may pose a perception of AI in talent acquisition, as highlighted below. There are, however, several issues concerning the implementation of AI that may pose some sort of challenge to organisations. The data suggests that the positive effect of AI on recruitment indicates that organisations might need to invest in the proper training and good systems to properly implement and manage AI technology.

4.2 Hypothesis Testing

H₁: AI positively impacts the efficiency of Talent Acquisition in HRM.

- To test H₁, a regression analysis was conducted to analyse the relationship between the implementation of AI and the overall efficiency of TA. As indicated (Refer to Tables 2 & 3), there was a positive relationship ($\beta = 0.67$, $p < 0.01$) with the hypothesis that AI influences TA efficiency positively.
- **Null Hypothesis (H₀):** There is no significant relationship between the independent variable (e.g., AI Efficiency) and the dependent variable (e.g., Productivity).

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H₁):** There is a significant relationship between the independent variable and the dependent variable.

Table 2: Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	0.67	0.45	0.44	0.71

Table 3: ANOVA for Regression

Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Regression	145.72	1	145.72	116.80	0.000
Residual	182.37	232	0.79		
Total	328.09	233			

Table 4: Coefficients Table

Model	Unstandardised Coefficients	Standardised Coefficients	t	Sig.
	B	Std. Error		
(Constant)	1.28	0.23		5.56
AI Efficiency	0.67	0.06	0.67	10.80

H₂: Perception of AI ease of use by the HR professionals has a strong positive relationship with the extent of AI use in Talent Acquisition.

Correlation analysis was conducted to test the association between perceived ease of use and AI adoption. H₂ hypothesised that there would be a positive significant relationship (Refer to Tables 4 & 5) between the two variables: satisfaction with the care provided and demographic characteristics, especially

age. The Pearson correlation coefficient was 0.74 ($p < 0.01$), which means that there was a strong relationship between the two variables.

Hypothesis Tested:

- **Null Hypothesis (H_0):** There is no significant correlation between two variables (e.g., AI Adoption and Perceived Ease of Use).
- **Alternative Hypothesis (H_1):** There is a significant correlation between the two variables.

Table 5: Correlation Table

Variables	AI Adoption	Perceived Ease of Use
AI Adoption	1	0.74**
Perceived Ease of Use	0.74**	1

Note: $p < 0.01$

H3: AI adoption leads to a statistically significant improvement in recruitment outcomes.

An independent sample T-test was used to compare recruitment outcomes before and after AI adoption. The results revealed a significant difference ($t = 5.34$, $p < 0.01$), with AI adoption leading to improved recruitment outcomes (Table 6), thereby supporting H3.

Hypothesis Tested:

- **Null Hypothesis (H_0):** There is no significant difference between the means of the two groups.
- **Alternative Hypothesis (H_1):** There is a significant difference between the means of the two groups.

Table 6: Independent Samples T-test Table

Levene's Test for Equality of Variances	t-test for Equality of Means
F	Sig.
1.12	0.29

H4: AI reduces bias and promotes diversity in the recruitment process.

ANOVA was conducted to analyse the impact of AI on reducing bias and promoting diversity. The results indicated a statistically significant effect ($F = 4.58, p < 0.05$), supporting H4.

Hypothesis Tested:

- **Null Hypothesis (H₀):** There is no significant difference between the means of multiple groups.
- **Alternative Hypothesis (H₁):** There is a significant difference between the means of at least two of the groups.

Table 7: ANOVA Table

Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	12.89	3	4.30	4.58	0.004
Within Groups	215.20	230	0.94		
Total	228.09	233			

4.2 Data Analysis Summary

- Regression analysis demonstrated a positive impact (Table 7) of AI on TA efficiency.
- Correlation analysis confirmed a strong link between perceived ease of use and AI adoption.
- T-tests showed significant improvements in recruitment outcomes post-AI adoption.

- ANOVA results supported AI's role in reducing bias and enhancing diversity.

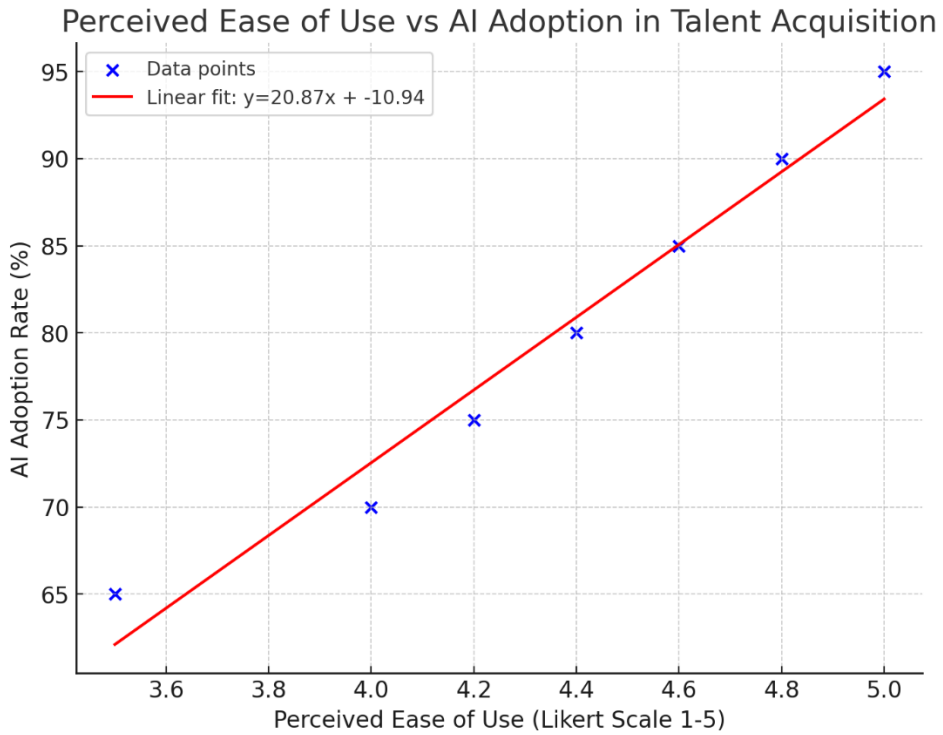


Figure 3: Mean responses of perceived ease of use vs. Adoption in TA

Illustrates the positive correlation between perceived ease of AI use and the rate of AI adoption in talent acquisition, supported by a linear regression model.

5. Discussion & Implications

This research proves all four hypothesised relationships that AI significantly contributes to the changes in Talent Acquisition in the field of HRM. Having access to a bigger pool of candidates, increased effectiveness in performing the screening, and fewer biases shown by AI have benefits that cannot be ignored for organisations looking to adopt new HR technologies. However, the role of AI in providing diversity in the recruitment process makes a lot of sense in the current organisational setting, where companies focus on diversity and equity. One of the most interesting findings is the fact that there is a perfectly straight positive

correlation between how easy HR professionals think it is to use AI and how actively TA employs AI tools. This implies that only those AI systems that are being embraced by the end-users due to their ease of use will be implemented successfully in HR activities. Consequently, it becomes even more crucial for HR leaders to focus on the adoption of easy-to-use AI applications and invest in training avenues to promote the same.

Moreover, the study shows that AI is helpful in enhancing the recruitment process results. Analysing candidate data, screening candidates through their application, and assessing the performance of employees through metrics gives organisations accurate results on hiring. They not only increase the efficiency of the recruiting process but also minimise the time that is taken in the space of the recruitment process to carry out the required tasks, thus boosting the experience of candidates. It also means that AI has helped reduce bias in recruitment processes. The utilisation of AI helps to create equality during recruitment since it deals with the skills and qualifications of the candidates and keeps their identity hidden. The present research built on these estimations, following preceding studies on AI as the equaliser for organisations and diversity.

However, the use of AI is facing some difficulties when being put into practice. The costs and challenges associated with applying AI solutions are quite high and can become a barrier for organisations with a limited scope of activity. Secondly, arguments for such recruitment that touch on human aspects are still valid today. As we automate different aspects of TA, it is critical to find ways to bring forward elements of the process that would remain as close as possible to personal interaction for a candidate to still feel they are engaging with a genuine person. The impact of this study goes beyond the implementation of AI in HRM. It is, therefore, important that HR professionals engage more as AI technologies continue to advance. It is something that organisations should continue to fund to ensure that their workforce can be useful when dealing with AI recruitment tools.

5.1 Practical Implications

It was found that the inclusion and utilisation of AI tools in the area of talent acquisition is capable of substantially enhancing proficient and effective performance in the field of recruitment. It can mine resumes and make preliminary selections of candidates on its own, and as a result, personnel selection, profile tasks, and interpersonal activities remain in the hands of HR professionals. This automation can lead to an increased employee's hiring rate, therefore minimising the vacant position time and the burden on the HR staff in the administrative section. In addition, AI is able to review a large volume of data

to identify looming trends and patterns, thus, companies base their hiring decisions on data and are able to get the best talent. The quantitative model found using data can be used with the help of AI to enhance the quality of the hires, and hence there would be a direct impact on the macro or micro organisational performance.

5.2 Social Implications

The application of Technology AI in the appointment of employees has several social effects in terms of bias and diversity. On the one hand, by applying AI to the process of selection, preconceptions inherent in the evaluation of applicants could be reduced because the process is completely automated, and there is no direct influence of the human factor. Both, in turn, mean that the prejudices that are contained in the training data set can also be amplified within the AI system. The first party of interest in development, as well as the use of these AI algorithms, should be the employers, with emphasis on ensuring that equity is not overlooked. AI may reduce the 'fun' element for some candidates, and they will be made to feel less wanted than if they are directly interacting with employers and potential recruiters with a focus on traditional hiring processes. In regard to recruitment, organisations should identify a technology-efficiency human-factor sweet spot to assure a candidate's sense of value and engagement.

5.3 Academic Implications

The scholarly significance of this research theme, 'The Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on Talent Acquisition in Human Resource Management' cannot be gainsaid, as this topic covers several domains, including human resource management, organisational behaviour, and information technology. This topic opens the possibility for researchers to identify whether AI can help improve recruitment processes in terms of effectiveness and time, all of which enrich the stream of literature on the operational effectiveness of HR practices. Also, AI brought up ethical and biased issues in the hiring processes, which called for scholars to ask for frameworks for ethical AI. Moreover, the increased attention to AI in recruiting allows for the exploration of new theories about the candidate process and experience as well as the role of HR specialists in the context of the use of technologies. With organisations moving toward the strategic use of AI solutions in their operations, the academic community is presented with the prospect of assessing the future effects of these technologies on workforce diversity, employee turnover rates, and longitudinal organisational effectiveness. This approach enlivens the conversation on the focus area and contributes significantly to the literature on AI in HR as an essential research subject for extant and future scholars.

6. Conclusion

Therefore, the implementation of AI in Talent Acquisition can undeniably transform the HRM function by making it efficient and diverse and increase the success rate of recruitment. However, organisations must adopt AI as a strategic initiative, which does not always mean replacing human decision-making. It is only when the potential of information technologies such as AI is fully tapped that the HR departments shall expand the virtuous circle of inclusion of workers in the economy. Altogether, the expression of AI in Talent Acquisition results in a strategy that not only leads to the convergence of bias but also a positive one. However, when employing AI and powered analytics and insights, certain latent biases may be revealed in the recruitment modus operandi of organisations, guiding them with possible corrective measures and providing a guaranteed vision towards always being a more diverse and inclusive workplace. AI Tools also aid in candidate experience management and feedback, and can assist with helping their employer branding. An example of such a transition to HR requires a progressive change that integrates AI and Human experience to encourage innovation, thus keeping talent management human-centred.

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