راهنمـــای نگارش چکـــیده گسترده انگلیسی (Extended Abstract)

چکیده گسترده در واقع یک مقاله کوتاه بوده و همه قسمتهای مقاله را در بر می گیرد. دقت فرمایید که ارائه درست این بخش باعث افزایش ارجاعات بین المللی به مقاله شما خواهد شد. چکیده گسترده باید بین ۱۰۰۰ تا ۱۵۰۰ کلمه تنظیم شود. چکیدههای کمتر از ۱۰۰۰ کلمه یا بیشتر از ۱۵۰۰ کلمه و خارج از الگوی نشریه، قابل قبول نمی باشد.

در فصلنامه حسابداری و شفافیت مالی چکیده گسترده شامل بخشهای زیر می باشد:

مقدمه (Introduction)

این بخش لازم است شامل هدف انجام پژوهش، خلاصه کوتاهی از مبانی نظری و پیشینه پژوهش و همچنین فرضیهها / سؤالات اصلی پژوهش باشد. استفاده از منابعی که در متن مقاله استفاده شده است در متن چکیده گسترده ضرورت دارد. حجم این بخش بین ۲۵۰ تا ۳۵۰ کلمه باشد.

روش پژوهش (Methodology)

این بخش شامل خلاصهای از طرح پژوهش، جامعه، نمونه، ابزار و روش اجرای پژوهش میباشد. این بخش بین ۱۵۰ تا ۲۵۰ کلمه تنظیم شود.

(Results) يافتهها

این بخش از چکیده گسترده شامل خلاصه نتایج اصلی است که از اجرای پژوهش به دست آمده است. همچنین بیان مهمترین یافتهها در قالب جدول و یا نمودار بلامانع است. حجم این بخش از چکیده گسترده بین ۲۰۰ تا ۲۰۰ کلمه باشد و جداول به صورت APA تنظیم شود.

نتیجه گیری (Conclusions)

این بخش شامل بیان مجدد هدف پژوهش، همراستایی و یا عدم همراستایی یافتههای پژوهش با پژوهشهای پیشین و همچنین تبیین یافتهها میباشد. حجم این بخش بین ۲۰۰ تا ۳۰۰ کلمه باشد. پیشنهادات اصلی پژوهش نیز در این بخش اشاره شود.

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به طور مثال:

The data that support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author, upon reasonable request.

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Introduction (250-350 words)

Financial fraud is one of the most pressing challenges faced by organizations worldwide, causing severe financial losses, reputational damage, and decreased investor confidence. According to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE, 2024), companies lose approximately 5% of their annual revenue to occupational fraud. Detecting and preventing fraudulent activities has thus become a priority for accountants, auditors, and regulators seeking to protect stakeholders and ensure financial transparency.

Whistleblowing—reporting unethical or illegal activities within an organization—is increasingly recognized as a vital mechanism for ensuring transparency and accountability in corporate environments. In the accounting profession, whistleblowing plays a critical role in uncovering financial fraud, misstatements, and irregularities that often bypass standard audit procedures. High-profile corporate scandals such as Enron and WorldCom underscore the importance of creating supportive mechanisms for potential whistleblowers (Gao & Brink, 2017).

Despite greater emphasis on whistleblowing, many accounting professionals hesitate to speak up due to fear of retaliation, limited organizational support, or concerns about the effectiveness of reporting channels. Prior studies identify key influencers of whistleblowing intention—such as ethical climate, moral intensity, professional skepticism, and perceived organizational support—but empirical evidence remains fragmented, especially among accounting practitioners in various contexts (Taylor & Curtis, 2010; Otchere et al., 2023; Latan et al., 2018).

The purpose of this study is to investigate the determinants of whistleblowing intention among accounting professionals. The study explores how ethical climate, perceived retaliation risk, and organizational support affect the likelihood of reporting financial misconduct.

Hypotheses

- H1: An ethical climate is positively associated with whistleblowing intentions among accounting professionals.
- H2: Higher perceived organizational support increases the likelihood of whistleblowing.
- H3: Greater perceived risk of retaliation is negatively associated with whistleblowing intentions.
- H4: Perceived organizational support moderates (strengthens) the positive effect of ethical climate on whistleblowing intention.
- H5: Perceived risk of retaliation moderates (weakens) the relationship between ethical climate and whistleblowing intention.

The findings of this study will contribute to understanding how organizations can create supportive environments that encourage ethical reporting behavior. These insights can help policymakers and managers design effective whistleblowing mechanisms to prevent accounting fraud and strengthen corporate governance.

Methodology (150-250 words)

Research Design

This study adopts a quantitative research design using a cross-sectional survey to examine the factors influencing whistleblowing intentions among accounting professionals and how these factors relate to fraud detection. Data on perceptions of ethical climate, organizational support, perceived retaliation risk, and whistleblowing intention were collected using standard questionnaires.

Population and Sample

The target population consists of professional accountants and auditors working in public accounting firms, private corporations, and government organizations. A stratified random sampling method will be applied to ensure representation across sectors. Based on Kock & Hadaya (2018), formula for sample size determination, a minimum of 251 respondents will be required to achieve adequate statistical power (common power level of 80% and significant of level 1%).

Data Collection

Data were collected via an online survey distributed through professional accounting groups and email for accountants.

Research Instrument

The questionnaire consists of five sections: Demographic information (e.g., age, gender, years of experience, sector). Ethical Climate – measured using Victor and Cullen's (1988) Ethical Climate Questionnaire. Perceived Organizational Support– measured using Eisenberger et al.'s (1986) scale. Perceived Retaliation Risk – adapted from previous studies (Near & Miceli, 1996). Whistleblowing Intention– measured using scales from Park & Blenkinsopp (2009) and Curtis & Taylor (2010). All items were measured on a five-point Likert scale (1 = strongly disagree, 5 = strongly agree).

Data Analysis

Data were analyzed using Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM) because it is well-suited for predictive research and complex models involving latent constructs.

Results (400-600 words)

Response Rate and Demographics

A total of 650 surveys were distributed, and 262 valid responses were received, representing a response rate of 40.3%. Most participants were male (60.4%), aged 31–40 (47.2%), with 6–10 years of professional experience (41.5%). Respondents worked in public accounting firms (44%), private corporations (38%), and government organizations (18%).

Measurement Model Assessment

The reliability and validity of constructs were assessed using SmartPLS 4. According to Table 1. All constructs met the recommended thresholds of $\alpha > 0.7$, CR > 0.7, and AVE > 0.50 (Hair et al., 2022). Discriminant validity was confirmed using Fornell–Larcker and HTMT criteria.

Table 1. Cronbach's Alpha, Composite Reliability (CR) and AVE					
Construct	Cronbach's Alpha	Composite Reliability (CR)	AVE		
Ethical Climate	0.89	0.92	0.65		
Perceived Organizational Support	0.91	0.94	0.71		
Perceived Retaliation Risk	0.87	0.90	0.63		
Whistleblowing Intention	0.93	0.95	0.76		

Structural Model Assessment

The structural model was evaluated for collinearity, path coefficients, and explanatory power. Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) values were below 3.3, indicating no multicollinearity concerns. R² for Whistleblowing Intention = 0.56, indicating that 56% of the variance was explained by ethical climate, organizational support, and retaliation risk.

Hypothesis Testing

Bootstrapping with 5,000 resamples was conducted to test the hypotheses. Results of these tests are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Result of hypotheses							
Hypothesis	Path Coefficient (β)	T-value	P-value	Result			
H1: Ethical climate → Whistleblowing intention	0.320	5.210	< 0.001	Supported			
H2: Organizational support → Whistleblowing intention	0.410	7.030	< 0.001	Supported			
H3: Retaliation risk → Whistleblowing intention	-0.280	4.770	< 0.001	Supported			
H4: Organizational support × Ethical climate → Whistleblowing intention	0.150	2.890	0.004	Supported			
H5: Retaliation risk × Ethical climate → Whistleblowing intention	-0.120	2.210	0.027	Supported			

The findings show that H1 is supported, as ethical climate has a positive and significant effect on whistleblowing intention (β = 0.320, t = 5.210, p < 0.001), indicating that employees in organizations with stronger ethical values are more likely to report wrongdoing. H2 is also supported, with organizational support having an even stronger positive effect on whistleblowing intention (β = 0.410, t = 7.030, p < 0.001), suggesting that when employees feel their organization will protect and value them, they are more inclined to blow the whistle. H3 is supported as well, showing that perceived retaliation risk negatively affects whistleblowing intention (β = -0.280, t = 4.770, p < 0.001); employees who fear retaliation are less likely to report unethical practices. H4 is supported, as the interaction between organizational support and ethical climate is significant and positive (β = 0.150, t = 2.890, p = 0.004), meaning that organizational support enhances the positive impact of ethical climate on whistleblowing intention. Finally, H5 is supported, with the interaction between retaliation risk and ethical climate being negative and significant (β = -0.120, t = 2.210, p = 0.027), indicating that higher retaliation risk weakens the beneficial effect of ethical climate on whistleblowing intention.

Conclusions (200-300 words)

This study examined how ethical climate, perceived organizational support, and perceived retaliation risk influence whistleblowing intention among accounting professionals and how these factors collectively contribute to fraud detection. The results revealed that ethical climate and organizational support significantly increase whistleblowing intention, whereas perceived retaliation risk decreases it. These findings are consistent with prior research indicating that supportive organizational environments and strong ethical cultures foster employees' willingness to report wrongdoing (Taylor & Curtis, 2010; Latan et al., 2018; Otchere et al., 2023).

The significant moderating effects highlight that organizational support amplifies the positive effect of ethical climate, while retaliation risk weakens this relationship. This aligns with Gao and Brink (2017), who emphasized that fear of retaliation remains a primary barrier to whistleblowing. The results also suggest that organizations seeking to improve fraud detection should not only establish technical detection tools but also promote ethical values, protection policies, and trust in reporting systems.

Furthermore, the study supports the argument that whistleblowing serves as a complementary mechanism to traditional audits and fraud detection systems. Encouraging employees to report unethical practices can fill gaps left by audits or analytics-based fraud detection, as some irregularities are only observable by insiders (Gao & Brink, 2017).

This research provides evidence that a supportive ethical climate, organizational backing, and reduced fear of retaliation are essential to increasing whistleblowing intention in the accounting profession. Given that whistleblowing plays a critical role in detecting financial fraud, organizations must design policies that combine ethical culture building, anonymous and secure reporting channels, and strict non-retaliation measures.

This study used a cross-sectional survey, which limits causal interpretation. Future research could adopt longitudinal designs, experimental approaches, or multi-country studies to capture cultural and legal variations. Examining how whistleblowing interacts with data analytics-based fraud detection tools would also be a valuable extension.

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