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Journal Name:	<b>Asian Journal of Research in Computer Science</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_AJRCOS_114729</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Ballots and Padlocks: Building Digital Trust and Security in Democracy through Information Governance Strategies and Blockchain Technologies.</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Paper</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p><b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</li> <li>2. Is the title of the article suitable?</li> <li>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</li> <li>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</li> <li>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</li> <li>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- While the manuscript provides a foundational overview of Information Governance (IG) and Blockchain Technologies (BT) in the context of electoral systems, it appears to overlook some critical literature that challenges or provides alternative viewpoints on the application of blockchain in voting systems. I recommend the authors to include a more balanced review, particularly incorporating studies that present limitations, failures, or critiques of blockchain implementations in electoral contexts.</li> <li>2- The manuscript could benefit from a deeper technical dive into the blockchain mechanisms used, consensus algorithms suitable for electoral systems, and specific information governance frameworks that could be applied. This would enrich the manuscript and provide readers with a clearer understanding of how these technologies can be tailored to fit the unique requirements of secure and transparent elections.</li> <li>3- I recommend the authors to incorporate such empirical evidence to support their hypotheses and provide real-world insights into the challenges and successes of these technologies in electoral systems.</li> <li>4- The authors should also discuss how voter anonymity is preserved while maintaining transparency and verifiability in the voting process.</li> </ol>	
<p><b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</li> </ol>		
<p><b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments</p>	<p>The manuscript seems important for the scientific community as it explores the integration of Information Governance (IG) and Blockchain Technologies (BT) in enhancing trust and security in democratic processes. This is particularly relevant amid rising concerns about the integrity of electoral systems in the digital age.</p> <p>It is suitable as it accurately reflects the manuscript's focus and research areas.</p> <p>The abstract is comprehensive, detailing the research's objectives, methods, key findings, and the importance of IG and BT in safeguarding democracy and enhancing public confidence in electoral systems.</p> <p>The manuscript structure, including subsections like Introduction, Literature Review, Research Methods, Results, and Discussion, seems appropriate and aligns with standard academic formats, facilitating clear presentation and discussion of the research.</p> <p>The manuscript appears to be scientifically correct based on the provided information, employing rigorous methodologies and analysis techniques such as PLS-SEM to validate its hypotheses</p>	

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**PART 2:**

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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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