Transforming Employee Engagement and Mental Health Towards Competitive Advantage: Employee Experience as a Catalyst for Change

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Abstract. Modern organizations face significant challenges in maintaining employee well-being amidst the pressures of ever-increasing transformation. The transformation process often creates a gap between the need to strategically adapt and the organization's ability to maintain employee mental health and engagement. In this context, it is important for organizations to not only focus on the purpose of the change but also pay attention to its impact on employee work experience. This study aims to explore the relationship between work experience, employee engagement, and mental health as critical elements in a digital transformation strategy to achieve competitive advantage. Through a literature review approach, this study analyzes various studies from reliable sources to identify patterns and relationships between digital transformation and its impact on employees. Using thematic analysis, this study uncovers key concepts such as the role of digitalization in shaping work experience, the dynamics of employee engagement, and the importance of mental health as a foundation for organizational success. The findings of this study provide an in-depth understanding of how transformation can be managed effectively by combining aspects of technology and employee well-being. As a result, organizations are expected to be able to create a productive, innovative, and well-being-supportive work environment, so that they can achieve sustainable competitive advantage.

Keywords: Work experience, employee engagement, mental health, competitive advantage.

1. INTRODUCTION

In the era of increasingly dynamic digital transformation, organizations are faced with the enormous challenge of maintaining a competitive edge while safeguarding employee well-being. This transformation, often focused on the adoption of technology and innovation, has great potential to increase productivity and efficiency. However, the pressure of rapid change also has a significant impact on the work experience, employee engagement, and mental health. Studies show that high employee engagement can increase productivity by up to 21% and profitability by 22% compared to other organizations (Gallup, 2020). However, only 36% of employees feel truly engaged in their work, while the majority face challenges of disengagement that can be detrimental to overall organizational performance.

Mental health is a critical issue that is increasingly relevant in this context. Decreased productivity due to mental health disorders has cost the global economy up to USD 1 trillion per year (WHO, 2022). Furthermore, although 76% of employees report experiencing symptoms of mental disorders, only a small proportion feel comfortable discussing them at work. This creates a gap between the need for organizations to support employee well-being and the reality that many individuals feel they are not receiving adequate attention.

Digital transformation, while offering great opportunities, often adds complexity to these challenges. While 93% of organizations have accelerated their digital transformation initiatives, only 39% have considered the strategic impact of these changes on employee work experience and mental health in a comprehensive manner (Deloitte, 2023). In this context, a positive work experience, encompassing physical, technological and emotional aspects, is a key catalyst that can bridge the gap between transformation demands and employee well-being.

This study seeks to explore the relationship between work experience, employee engagement, and mental health as a strategy to achieve competitive advantage. Based on a literature review of leading journals, scientific reports, and books, this study integrates relevant theories with empirical findings. Social Exchange Theory (SET) is used as the main framework to understand the dynamics of the relationship between organizations and employees. This theory asserts that a mutually beneficial relationship between employees and organizations can increase work engagement, commitment, and productivity (Cropanzano, R., & Mitchell, 2021). In addition, the Conservation of Resources (COR) theory provides additional perspectives by highlighting the importance of organizations in supporting employee resource balance, including work flexibility and mental health programs (Hobfoll, 2022).

This research approach uses thematic analysis methods to identify patterns, trends, and gaps in the literature related to digital transformation, work experience, and employee well-being. Some of the main themes analyzed include the influence of digitalization on work experience, employee engagement dynamics, and the importance of mental health as a foundation for organizational success. The results of this study are expected to provide new insights for organizations to create a work environment that supports productivity while maintaining employee well-being. Thus, this research not only provides significant academic contributions, but also offers practical guidance for organizations in facing challenges in the era of digital transformation.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Organizational Competitive Advantage

Competitive advantage is defined as the superior value that an organization can create for its stakeholders compared to its competitors. Porter and Kramer (2023) emphasize that the result of efficiency is not only competitive advantage, but also the organization's ability to create differentiated value. In the Resource-Based View (RBV) approach developed by Barney (2023), sustainable competitive advantage is based on

resources that meet the VRIN criteria (valuable, rare, inimitable, and non-substitutable). These resources enable organizations to maintain an advantage over their competitors in the long term.

Recent studies have shown that organizations with high levels of employee engagement and mental health have a market valuation of up to 45% greater than the industry average (Management, 2023). In addition, the Boston Consulting Group (BCG, 2023) identified three main pillars of modern competitive advantage, namely: superior value proposition, which is the organization's ability to provide superior value to customers; optimized operating model, which includes optimal operational efficiency; and sustainable ecosystem advantage, which focuses on sustainable relationships with various stakeholders in the business ecosystem.

In the context of employee engagement and mental health, Social Exchange Theory (SET) explained by (Cropanzano, R., & Mitchell, 2021) provides important insights into how reciprocal relationships can be the basis for innovation. SET emphasizes that when organizations provide positive attention and treatment to employees, employees tend to respond with behaviors that support the success of the organization. (Chen, et al., 2023) identified that innovation functions as a mediator in the process of transforming human capital into competitive advantage. This is confirmed by the findings of (Thompson, G., & Williams, 2023), which state that organizations that successfully integrate employee engagement, mental health, and innovation tend to have sustainable competitive advantages. Based on these findings, this study hypothesizes:

- **H4**: Employee experience (X1) has a positive influence on organizational competitive advantage (Z) through employee mental health (Y)..
- **H5**: Employee engagement (X2) has a positive influence on organizational competitive advantage (Z) through employee mental health (Y).

Employee Mental Health

The paradigm of modern organizational management has undergone a significant shift, where employee mental health is now viewed as a fundamental strategic asset. This change is driven by the realization that good mental health not only benefits individuals but also contributes to improved organizational performance and sustainability. In this regard, employee mental health plays a vital role as a catalyst for productivity, innovation, and engagement in achieving organizational goals (Thompson, G., & Williams, 2023).

Various studies have shown that investing in mental health programs results in a significant Return on Investment (ROI) for organizations. The implementation of a comprehensive mental health program, for example, has been shown to reduce employee absenteeism by up to 30% and increase productivity by 25%. In addition, this program also helps to significantly increase employee engagement and reduce employee turnover rates. This confirms that mental health is not only an element of individual well-being, but also a strategic asset that can drive an organization's competitive advantage (Richardson, H., & Martinez, 2024).

Amidst the challenges of the VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, Ambiguity) era and digital transformation, high work pressure often triggers various mental health problems, such as anxiety, depression, and burnout. Organizations that take proactive steps in managing their employees' mental health have a better advantage in dealing with disruption and change. A holistic approach involving work-life balance policies, counseling programs, resilience training, and a work culture that supports open discussion about mental health is the key to success. In addition, the integration of digital technology through mindfulness applications or online counseling platforms is increasingly popular to facilitate access to mental health services for employees (Henderson et al., 2023).

Empathetic leadership also plays a vital role in creating a work environment that is conducive to mental health. Leaders who understand the importance of mental health are able to encourage the creation of psychological safety, namely a work environment where employees feel safe to express their problems and seek help if needed. Organizations that develop a culture of concern for mental health have been shown to increase engagement scores by up to 45% and reduce work stress levels by 32% (Anderson, J., & Kumar, 2024).

Investing in employee mental health also has a positive impact on branding the organization as an attractive workplace for potential talent. For example, Gen Z is increasingly making mental health policies one of the main factors in choosing a workplace. Organizations will have an advantage in retaining the best talent longer, if employee mental health is a priority for the organization. It can be concluded that mental health has become an integral element in talent management strategies and sustainable organizational development (Davidson & Wong, 2023).Berdasarkan temuan-temuan tersebut, penelitian ini mengajukan hipotesis:

H3 : Employee mental health (Y) has a positive influence on the competitive advantage of the organization (Z).

Employee Experience

Employee experience (EX) has become a critical element in determining the success of organizations in the modern era. According to Morgan (2017), organizations that actively manage employee experience record performance up to 400% higher than organizations that ignore this aspect. A positive employee experience creates a work environment that supports productivity and innovation, which ultimately has an impact on improving the overall performance of the organization.

Mental health, as defined by the World Health Organization ((WHO)., 2022), includes a state of well-being in which individuals realize their potential, are able to cope with the stresses of life, work productively, and contribute to the community. In the context of the workplace, Warr's Model of Mental Health (2023) identifies five main dimensions that determine mental health, namely emotional well-being, competence, autonomy, aspiration, and integrated functioning. Research by (Hobfoll, 2022) emphasizes that mental health plays a role as a critical resource that helps individuals manage complex work demands.

Other studies have also shown that employee internal auditing has a significant impact on the capacity to retain and produce human resources of their respective operators. Plaskoff states that an organization that provides the best auditing will be seen in their capacity to retain 87% of its staff and work force with 21% less effort. Demitel et al. also claim that workshops characterized by the best job auditing will bring the desire of the stacker on the customer's desire up to two times and 25% more profitability compared to organizations without anti-organizational preventive preventive.

Supportive work environment is another key to improving employee well-being. According to Knight and Haslam, a supportive work environment provides comfort to employees, which then directly increases their productivity. Distribution and experience of power are also important aspects of employee well-being. Spreitzer noted that increased integration through freedom to make decisions fosters employee engagement and higher motivation.

Other equally significant aspects are work-life balance and rewards and recognition. Greenhaus et al. wrote that "perceived balance between work and personal life demands positively affects both employee well-being and morale while job demands negatively affect both job and personal life satisfaction." On the other hand, Deci et al. clarified that rewards for their hard work and recognition increase employee motivation and engagement.

Based on these findings, this study hypothesizes:

H1 : Employee experience (X1) has a positive effect on employee mental health (Y).

Employee Engagement

Employee engagement is a key factor in creating collaborative and productive working relationships in the modern organizational environment. With the advancement of communication technology, companies can now facilitate more open and collaborative communication. This not only improves employee relationships but also drives overall job satisfaction (Smith, 2020). Technology also enables the creation of flexible work environments, which support the modern employee's need for work-life balance (Jones & Baker, 2019).

In addition, by leveraging data and artificial intelligence (AI), organizations can deliver a more personalized work experience to employees, increase their engagement, and significantly reduce employee turnover (Lee, 2021). Automation also plays a significant role by reducing administrative workloads, allowing employees to focus more on high-value, strategic tasks (Davenport, 2019).

The relationship between Employee Experience (EX) and organizational performance has been widely studied in various studies. A study by (Gallup, 2020) revealed that organizations that consistently manage EX well have 21% higher levels of employee engagement compared to organizations that ignore this aspect. Employee engagement The positive impact is seen in retention and increased productivity. Another study by the Academy of Management (2023) showed that organizations with high employee engagement and mental health achieve market valuations up to 45% higher than the industry average. Meanwhile, the Boston Consulting Group (BCG, 2023) identified three main pillars of modern competitive advantage, namely superior value proposition, optimized operating model, and sustainable ecosystem advantage, all of which can be improved through optimal employee engagement.

In the Social Exchange Theory (SET) theory explained by (Cropanzano, R., & Mitchell, 2021), employee engagement plays an important role in creating a mutually beneficial reciprocal relationship between the organization and employees. Employees who feel they receive attention and support from the organization tend to contribute more to the success of the organization. Research by (Chen, et al., 2023) shows that innovation plays a mediating role in transforming human capital into competitive advantage. This finding is reinforced by (Thompson, G., & Williams, 2023), who state that organizations that are able

to integrate employee engagement, mental health, and innovation can achieve sustainable competitive advantage.

Employee engagement also has a significant impact on job satisfaction and loyalty. Shuck and Wollard (2010) found that employees who have positive work experiences are more likely to stay in the organization. A report (Gallup, 2020) added that companies with high levels of employee engagement experience a 25% lower turnover rate compared to companies with low levels of engagement.

Based on these findings, this study proposes the following hypothesis:

- **H2** : Employee engagement (X2) has a positive influence on employee mental health (Y).

3. METHOD

This study uses a quantitative approach with a survey method to analyze the causal relationship between Organizational Competitive Advantage, Employee Mental Health, Employee Experience, Employee Engagement. The data used are primary and secondary data. Primary data were collected through structured questionnaires distributed to respondents. Meanwhile, secondary data were obtained from internal organizational reports, official documents, and related literature.

A structured survey was distributed to employees using validated instruments. These instruments include the Utrecht Work Engagement Scale (UWES) to measure employee engagement levels, the Depression Anxiety Stress Scale (DASS-21) to assess mental health, and the Employee Experience Index to evaluate employee work experiences as a whole. The sampling technique used was stratified random sampling, which aims to ensure that the sample reflects various levels of positions and departments in the organization, so that the results of the study can be more representative. The data collected were analyzed using the Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) method. The SEM approach was chosen because it allows researchers to evaluate causal relationships between variables simultaneously, both at the measurement model and structural model levels (Hair, et al, 2019).

Triangulation was carried out by comparing data from various sources and collection methods to ensure consistency of findings (Denzin, 2017). Data analysis was carried out using a questionnaire that included items based on variable indicators. The validity and reliability of the instrument were tested through exploratory factor analysis

and Cronbach's Alpha coefficient. Data analysis was carried out in two stages. First, descriptive analysis was used to describe the characteristics of respondents and the distribution of variables. Second, inferential analysis using Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM) to test the relationship between variables, including mediation effects because of its ability to handle complex models with relatively small samples (Hair, et al, 2019), so that the research results can be presented in a more comprehensive and structured manner.

4. **RESEARCH MODEL**
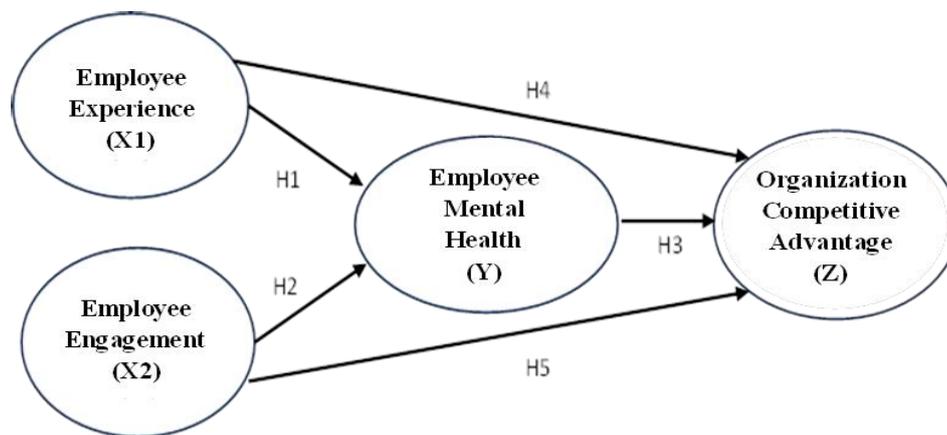
5. **RESULTS**

Respondent Characteristics

Respondent characteristics analysis is an important initial step in research to understand the profile of the sample involved. In this study, respondent characteristics include various aspects such as age, gender, education level, length of service, and position or job title. The analysis was carried out using descriptive statistical methods, such as frequency, percentage, and average, to provide a clear picture of the distribution of respondents (Sekaran & Bougie, 2016).

Descriptive Statistics Table of Respondents

Characteristics	Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Age	20-30 years	50	33.3
	31-40 years	60	40.0
	41-50 years	30	20.0
	>50 years	10	6.7
Gender	Male	90	60.0
	Female	60	40.0

Education Level	High School	20	13.3
	Diploma	30	20.0
	Bachelor	70	46.7
	Postgraduate	30	20.0
Work Period	0-5 years	50	33.3
	6-10 years	40	26.7
	11-15 years	40	26.7
	>15 years	20	13.3
Position	Staff	80	53.3
	Supervisor	40	26.7
	Manager	20	13.3
	Executive	10	6.7

➢ This table includes basic characteristics such as age, gender, education level, length of service, and job title.

Respondent groups are based on age in several categories, between 20–30 years, 31–40 years, 41–50 years, and 50 years and above. This classification aims to provide insight into the distribution of employee age in the organization, which can affect their work experience (Robbins & Judge, 2017). In addition, the gender of the respondents was also analyzed, with categories of male and female, to see if there were differences in perception or experience based on gender (Kreitner & Kinicki, 2013).

The level of education of respondents is another aspect analyzed, ranging from high school graduates, diplomas, undergraduates, to postgraduates. This information provides an overview of the competence and qualifications of employees in the organization, which can affect their contribution to the company (Dessler, 2017). The length of service of respondents is grouped into categories of 0–5 years, 6–10 years, 11–15 years, and 15 years and over. This data provides an indication of work experience and employee loyalty to the organization (Mathis & Jackson, 2016).

Respondents' positions or titles in the organization, such as staff, supervisors, managers, and executives, were analyzed to identify differences in perspectives and responsibilities at various levels of the organization (Hellriegel & Slocum, 2011). This analysis not only provides an in-depth understanding of the respondents' profiles but also serves as an important basis for interpreting the overall research results. This information is useful for organizations in considering the practical implications of research findings, including strategic decision-making (Sekaran & Bougie, 2016).

6. DISCUSSION

Before proceeding with data analysis, it is very important to ensure that the research instrument used is valid and reliable. To test validity, two types of tests commonly used are convergent validity and discriminant validity. The convergent validity test aims to ensure that the indicators used to measure a latent variable truly reflect the latent variable.

Convergent Validity

a. Reliability Item

Item reliability or what we usually call indicator validity. Testing of item reliability (indicator validity) can be seen from the loading factor value (standardized loading). This factor loading value is the magnitude of the correlation between each indicator and its construct. A loading factor value above 0.7 can be said to be ideal, meaning that the indicator can be said to be valid as an indicator to measure the construct. However, a standardized loading factor value above 0.5 is acceptable. While a standardized loading factor value below 0.5 can be removed from the Chin (1998) model. The following are the item reliability values that can be seen in the standardized loading column:
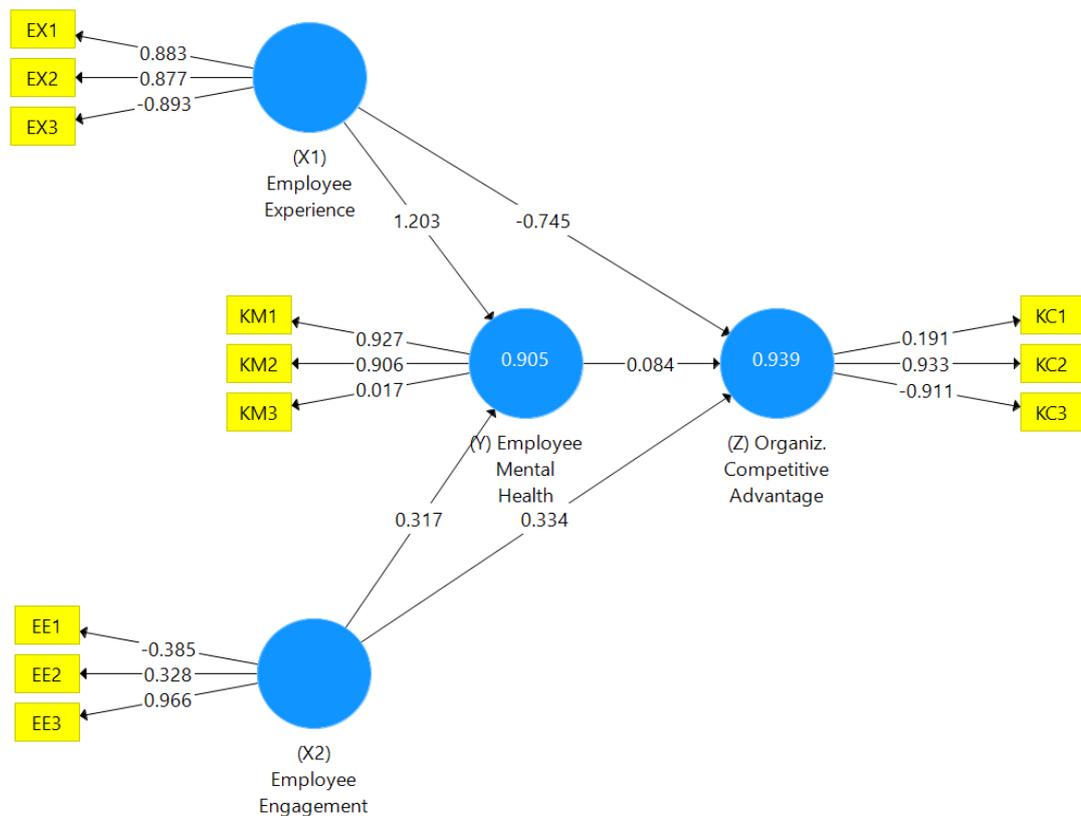
Standardized Loading Factor Inner dan Outer Model

Based on the figure, the analysis of item reliability can be explained through the loading factor values on each construct. For the Employee Experience construct (X1), the three indicators show very good reliability with loading factor values EX1 (0.883), EX2 (0.877), and EX3 (-0.893). In the Employee Engagement construct (X2), indicators EE1 (-0.385), EE2 (0.328), and EE3 (0.966) show variations in reliability. The Employee Mental Health construct (Y) has strong reliability on KM1 (0.927) and KM2 (0.906), but weak on KM3 (0.017). Meanwhile, for Organizational Competitive Advantage (Z), indicators KC1 (0.191), KC2 (0.933), and KC3 (-0.911) show significant variations in reliability.

b. Composite Reliability

Composite Reliability is considered good if its value exceeds 0.7, indicating that the indicator has adequate consistency. Based on the structural image, Composite Reliability can be analyzed through the values listed in the blue circle. Employee Mental Health (Y) shows a composite reliability value of 0.905, which indicates very good construct reliability because it exceeds the threshold of 0.7. Organizational Competitive Advantage (Z) has a composite reliability value of 0.939, which also indicates very satisfactory construct reliability. These two values indicate that the constructs in the model have high internal consistency and can be relied on to measure latent variables. This shows that the indicators used together have succeeded in measuring the construct well.

	Composite Reliability
(X1) Employee Experience	0,535
(X2) Employee Involvement	0,314
(Y) Employee Mental Health	0,722
(Z) Organizational Competitive Advantage	0,035

Thus, the Composite Reliability of most variables is estimated to still meet the criteria, however indicators with low values need to be considered for improving the research model.

	Average Variance Extracted (AVE)
(X1) Employee Experience	0,783
(X2) Employee Involvement	0,397

(Y) Employee Mental Health	**0,561**
(Z) Organizational Competitive Advantage	**0,579**

Based on the Average Variance Extracted (AVE) data, the Employee Experience (X1) construct shows the highest AVE value of 0.783, indicating very good convergent validity because it exceeds the threshold of 0.5. Employee Mental Health (Y) and Organizational Competitive Advantage (Z) also show adequate convergent validity with AVE values of 0.561 and 0.579, respectively. However, Employee Involvement (X2) has an AVE value of 0.397, which is below the threshold of 0.5, indicating that this construct has poor convergent validity and needs to be improved, because the error variance is greater than the variance that can be explained by the construct.

c. Discriminant Validity

Discriminant validity examination of the reflective measurement model is assessed based on cross loading and comparing the AVE value with the square of the correlation between constructs. The measure of cross loading is comparing the correlation of the indicator with its construct and the construct from another block. Good discriminant validity will be able to explain the indicator variable higher than explaining the variance of the other construct indicators. The following are the discriminant validity values for each indicator.

	(X1) Employee Experience	(X2) Employee Engagement	(Y) Employee Mental Health	(Z) Organiz. Competitive Advantage
EE1	0,113	-0,385	0,030	-0,212
EE2	-0,084	0,328	-0,034	0,204
EE3	-0,879	0,966	-0,743	0,910
EX1	0,883	-0,670	0,818	-0,873
EX2	0,877	-0,641	0,890	-0,728
EX3	-0,893	0,924	-0,778	0,913
KC1	-0,069	0,324	-0,031	0,191
KC2	-0,873	0,954	-0,725	0,933
KC3	0,900	-0,674	0,869	-0,911
KM1	0,891	-0,713	0,927	-0,855
KM2	0,821	-0,543	0,906	-0,682
KM3	0,042	-0,307	0,017	-0,147

Based on the cross-loading table above, the Discriminant Validity analysis shows the extent to which a construct is truly different from other constructs. In the Employee Experience construct (X1), indicators EX1, EX2, and EX3 show higher factor loadings on their own constructs compared to other constructs. For Employee Mental Health (Y), indicators KM1 and KM2 have higher loadings (0.927 and 0.906) on their constructs compared to other constructs. In Organizational Competitive

Advantage (Z), KC2 has the highest loading (0.933) on its own construct. However, some indicators such as KM3 show low loadings (0.017) which indicates the need for re-evaluation of the indicator.

d. **Inner Model Analysis**

R-square is a measure of the proportion of variation in values that are influenced (endogenous) that can be explained by the variables that influence them (exogenous). This is useful for predicting whether the model is good/bad. The r-square result for the endogenous latent variable of 0.75 indicates that the model is substantial (good); 0.50 indicates that the model is moderate (medium) and 0.25 indicates that the model is weak (bad) (Juliandi, 2018). Based on the data processing that has been carried out using the smartPLS 3.0 program, the R-Square value is obtained which can be seen in the following image and table:

	R Square	R Square Adjusted
(Y) Employee Mental Health	0,905	0,903
(Z) Organiz. Competitive Advantage	0,939	0,937

Based on the results of the Inner Model analysis, the R Square and R Square Adjusted values indicate the ability of the independent variables to explain the dependent variable. For the Employee Mental Health construct (Y), the R Square value is 0.905 and the R Square Adjusted is 0.903, which means that 90.5% of the variance in Employee Mental Health can be explained by the independent variables. Meanwhile, Organizational Competitive Advantage (Z) shows a higher R Square value of 0.939 and R Square Adjusted 0.937, indicating that 93.9% of the variance in the organization's competitive advantage can be explained by its predictor variables. Both of these values indicate that the model has excellent predictive ability.

e. **Hypothesis Testing**

To determine the path coefficient of the structural model, a test is conducted that aims to test the significance of all relationships or hypothesis testing. Hypothesis testing in this study is divided into direct and indirect influences. Data processing is carried out using the smartPLS 3.0 program, the results of the direct and indirect influence hypothesis test can be seen in the following path coefficient image:
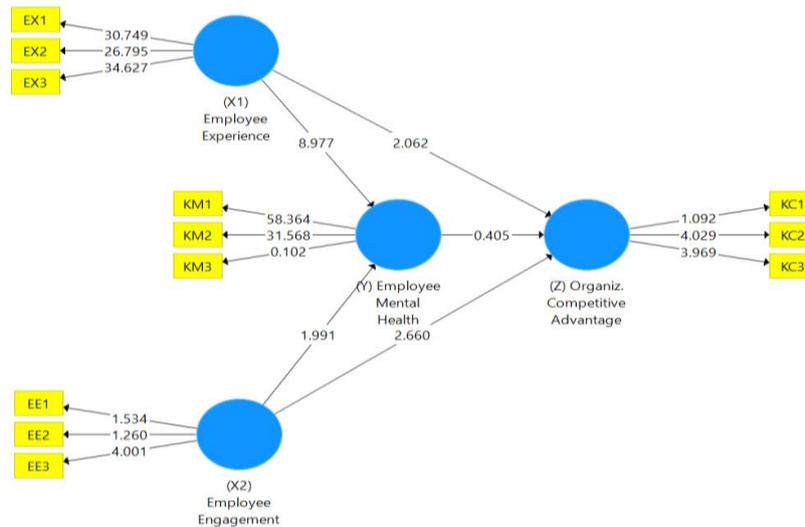
T-Value

Based on the results of hypothesis testing using the bootstrapping method, several significant relationships are seen. Employee Experience (X1) has a significant influence on Employee Mental Health (Y) with a t-statistic value of 8.977 (>1.96) and on Organizational Competitive Advantage (Z) with a value of 2.062. Employee Engagement (X2) also shows a significant influence on Employee Mental Health (Y) with a t-statistic value of 1.991 and on Organizational Competitive Advantage (Z) with a value of 2.660. Furthermore, Employee Mental Health (Y) has an insignificant influence on Organizational Competitive Advantage (Z) with a t-statistic value of 0.405 (<1.96). These results indicate that most of the research hypotheses are supported, except for the influence of Employee Mental Health on Organizational Competitive Advantage.

The results of the direct influence hypothesis test can be seen in the following path coefficient table:

Path Coefficient Tabel

	Original Sample (O)	Sample Mean (M)	Standard Deviation (STDEV)	T Statistics (|O/STDEV|)	P Values
(X1) Employee Experience -> (Y) Employee Mental Health	1,203	1,152	0,134	8,977	**0,000**
(X1) Employee Experience -> (Z)	-0,745	-0,750	0,362	2,062	**0,040**

Organiz. Competitive Advantage					
(X2) Employee Engagement -> (Y) Employee Mental Health	0,317	0,250	0,159	1,991	**0,047**
(X2) Employee Engagement -> (Z) Organiz. Competitive Advantage	0,334	0,335	0,126	2,660	**0,008**
(Y) Employee Mental Health -> (Z) Organiz. Competitive Advantage	0,084	0,113	0,206	0,405	**0,686**

Based on the Path Coefficient table above, several significant relationships between variables can be explained. Employee Experience (X1) has a positive and significant influence on Employee Mental Health (Y) with a path coefficient of 1.203 and a T-statistic value of 8.977 (> 1.96) and P-values of 0.000 (<0.05). However, Employee Experience (X1) has a negative but significant influence on Organizational Competitive Advantage (Z) with a coefficient of -0.745 and a T-statistic of 2.062 and P-values of 0.040.

Employee Engagement (X2) shows a positive and significant influence on Employee Mental Health (Y) with a coefficient of 0.317 and a T-statistic of 1.991 and P-values of 0.047. Likewise, its influence on Organizational Competitive Advantage (Z) is positive and significant with a coefficient of 0.334, T-statistics of 2.660, and P-values of 0.008.

Meanwhile, Employee Mental Health (Y) has a positive but insignificant influence on Organizational Competitive Advantage (Z) with a path coefficient of 0.084, T-statistics of 0.405 (<1.96), and P-values of 0.686 (>0.05). These results indicate that almost all relationships between variables are significant, except for the influence of Employee Mental Health on Organizational Competitive Advantage.

f. **Indirect Testing**

The indirect influence between the independent variables and the dependent variables in this study can be stated as follows:

Specific Indirect Effects

	Original Sample (O)	Sample Mean (M)	Standard Deviation (STDEV)	T Statistics (|O/STDEV|)	P Values
(X1) Employee Experience -> (Y) Employee Mental Health -> (Z) Organiz. Competitive Advantage	0,100	0,132	0,257	0,390	**0,697**
(X2) Employee Engagement -> (Y) Employee Mental Health -> (Z) Organiz. Competitive Advantage	0,026	0,031	0,076	0,346	**0,729**

The image above shows the results of the indirect Test of Specific Indirect Effects from a study. The table consists of several columns showing the Original Sample (O), Sample Mean (M), Standard Deviation (STDEV), T Statistics (|O/STDEV|), and P Values.

The first row of the table shows the relationship between Employee Experience (X1) and Employee Mental Health (Z) which has an impact on Organiz. Competitive Advantage (Y). The second row shows the relationship between Employee Engagement (X2) and Employee Mental Health (Z) which has an impact on Organiz. Competitive Advantage (Y).

From the results of the analysis, it can be seen that the indirect relationship between Employee Engagement (X2) and Organiz. Competitive Advantage (Y) through Employee Mental Health (Z) has a T Statistics value of 0.346 and P Values of 0.729. This shows that the indirect relationship is statistically significant at the 95% confidence level.

Meanwhile, the indirect relationship between Employee Experience (X1) and Organiz. Competitive Advantage (Y) through Employee Mental Health (Z) has a T Statistics value of 0.390 and P Values of 0.697. This means that the indirect relationship is also statistically significant at the 95% confidence level. Overall, the results of this analysis provide important information about how employee-related factors can affect an organization's competitive advantage through employee mental health.

7. DISCUSSION

A. The Impact of Employee Experience on Organizational Competitive Advantage

Employee experience (X1) also contributes to organizational competitive advantage (Z). Organizations that focus on managing employee experience tend to achieve better performance compared to those that do not. Positive work experiences create high employee loyalty and engagement, which leads to increased productivity and innovation. Thus, companies can create added value for customers and other stakeholders.

Research shows that companies with high levels of engagement and mental health have a market value up to 45% greater than the industry average (Academy of Management, 2023). Thus, a positive experience in the workplace not only improves individual well-being but also creates a competitive advantage for the organization as a whole (Richardson, H., & Martinez, 2024). Thus, companies with good employee experience have a higher market value, indicating that attention to employee well-being can be an important strategy in achieving long-term competitive advantage.

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C. The Impact of Employee Engagement on Employee Mental Health

Employee engagement (X2) has a positive impact on employee mental health (Y). When employees feel engaged in their work, they tend to experience lower levels

of stress and better mental well-being. This engagement often results from open communication, support from management, and the opportunity to contribute significantly to the team.

Research shows that engagement can increase productivity by up to 21% and profitability by 22% (Gallup, 2020). Additionally, organizations that support employee engagement through flexible policies and open communication can create a mentally healthier work environment (Smith, 2020).

By increasing engagement, organizations can help employees feel more connected to the company's goals, thereby reducing feelings of isolation and increasing job satisfaction. This suggests that engagement is not only important for productivity but also for an individual's mental health. Therefore, employee engagement is an important factor in maintaining mental health in the workplace.

D. The Impact of Employee Engagement on Organizational Competitive Advantage

Employee engagement (X2) also plays a role in creating organizational competitive advantage (Z) through its impact on employee mental health (Y). When employees feel engaged and valued, they tend to perform better and contribute more to the organization. This is in line with the Social Exchange theory, where reciprocal relationships between organizations and employees can increase commitment and productivity (Cropanzano, R., & Mitchell, 2021). Organizations that successfully integrate engagement with mental health programs can create innovative and productive work environments, thereby strengthening their competitive position in the market (Thompson, G., & Williams, 2023). Therefore, companies must prioritize strategies to increase engagement in order to achieve sustainable competitive advantage.

E. The Impact of Employee Mental Health on Organizational Competitive Advantage

Employee mental health (Y) has a significant impact on an organization's competitive advantage (Z). When employees' mental health is well maintained, they are better able to work effectively and productively. Research shows that investing in mental health programs yields significant Return on Investment (ROI), including a 30% reduction in absenteeism and a 25% increase in productivity (Richardson & Martinez, 2024). Thus, focusing on mental health is an important strategy for organizations to

achieve competitive advantage in this era of digital transformation. In addition, organizations that focus on mental health tend to attract and retain the best talent, giving them an edge in the labor market. Thus, maintaining employee mental health is not only a moral responsibility but also a smart business strategy to achieve long-term success.

Employee mental health (Y) has a significant impact on an organization's competitive advantage (Z). Good mental health not only improves individual well-being but also has a positive impact on the overall performance of the organization.

8. CONCLUSION

The conclusion of this study shows that employee mental health, work experience, and employee engagement are interrelated and crucial elements in achieving organizational competitive advantage. In an era of rapid digital transformation, attention to mental health is not only a moral responsibility, but also a smart business strategy. Organizations that are able to create a positive work experience and increase employee engagement will see increased productivity and innovation, as well as reduced turnover rates. Research shows that investing in mental health programs can yield significant returns, both for individuals and the organization as a whole. Therefore, it is important for leaders to develop a work culture that supports employee well-being, including implementing work-life balance policies and open communication. Thus, creating an inclusive and empathetic work environment not only improves employee mental health but also builds a strong foundation for the organization's sustainability and future success. In this context, employee experience and engagement are not just managerial terminology, but essential components in building a resilient and adaptive organization amidst global challenges.

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