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THE ROLE OF INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMUNICATION ON INFLUENCING CONSUMER DECISION-MAKING

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Abstract
The research paper looks at how integrated marketing communication affects consumer decision-making. The study looks at how integrated marketing affects consumer decision-making using both qualitative and quantitative analysis. For qualitative analysis, we conduct a literature review and investigate previous work on the topic and articles published in books and journals. A reliability test confirms the validity of measurement scales with an above-average Cronbach's alpha coefficient of 0.764, exceeding Nunnally's (1978) threshold of 0.7.
Variations are observed among the various components of IMC, revealing differential effects on decision-making. Certain scale items exhibit a high correlation (0.733) and an acceptable Cronbach Alpha value (0.732), while others exhibit a relatively low correlation (0.043) but still satisfactory Alpha values (0.776).
In addition, the research reveals significant disparities in consumer perceptions of the credibility of e-commerce messages and the clarity of marketing communications. this highlights the need for organizations to prioritize clarity and credibility in IMC strategies in order to effectively guide CDM.
The paper also reveals correlations between IMC and a series of consumer decision-making challenges, further reinforcing the central role of IMC in mitigating these issues.

Keywords: hypothesis H1, CDM., IMC, Alpha values, qualitative analysis, e-commerce

1. INTRODUCTION
In contemporary marketing practices, Integrated Marketing Communication (IMC) is an amalgamation of publicity, sales promotions, marketing, and public relations into a cohesive structure. (Luxton, Reid, & Mavondo, 2015). Integrated Marketing Communication (IMC) is the integration of various marketing techniques such as advertising, sales promotions, Business to consumer marketing, business to business marketing and public relations in order to maintain a consistent brand narrative and influence consumer decision-making. (Smith, 2019). IMC aims to influence consumer decision-making by creating a cohesive communication structure. Further exploration is needed to study its impact on consumer behavior. (Jones, 2020).
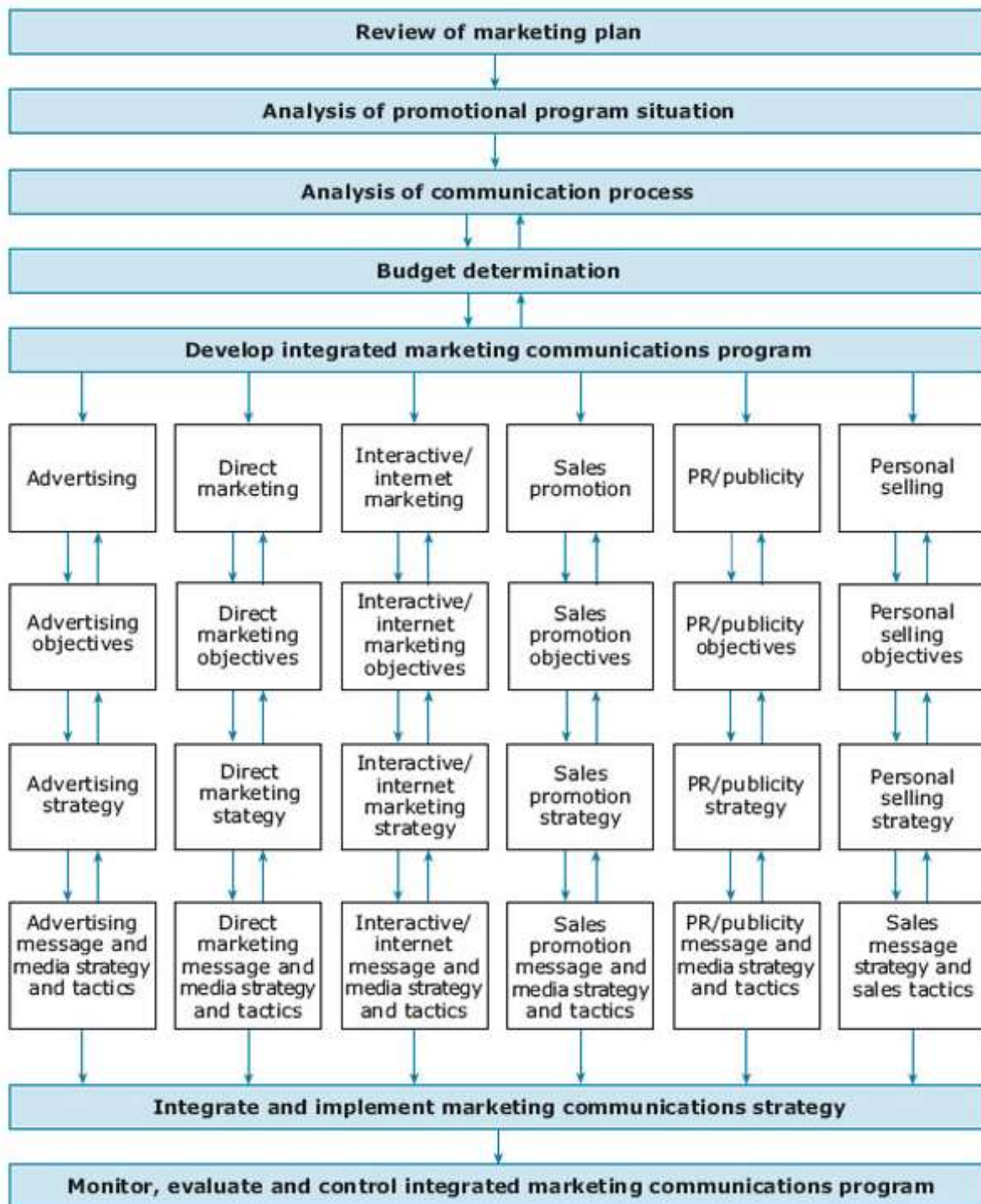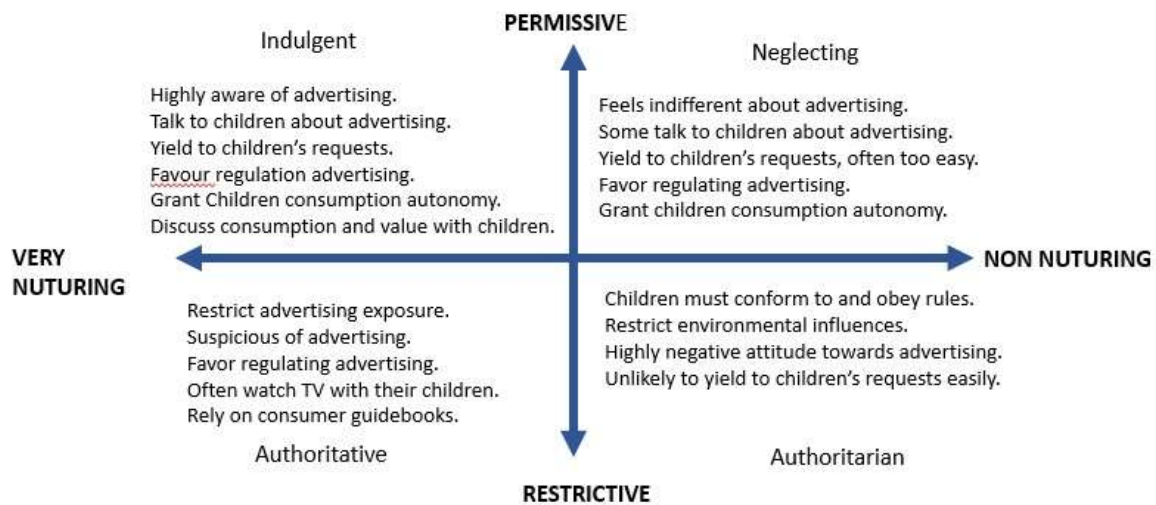
Figure 1 IMC Framework Source: Belch and Belch (2001, p. 26)

Integrated Marketing Communication (IMC) involves seamlessly integrating various communication channels to convey a consistent message to the target audience as shown in Figure 1. This paper explores the critical components of IMC, including advertising, sales promotion, public relations, personal selling, and interactive/internet marketing, and their influence on consumer decision-making. By aligning these efforts, marketers can create a persuasive message that resonates with consumers, leading to informed decisions that align with the brand's objectives.
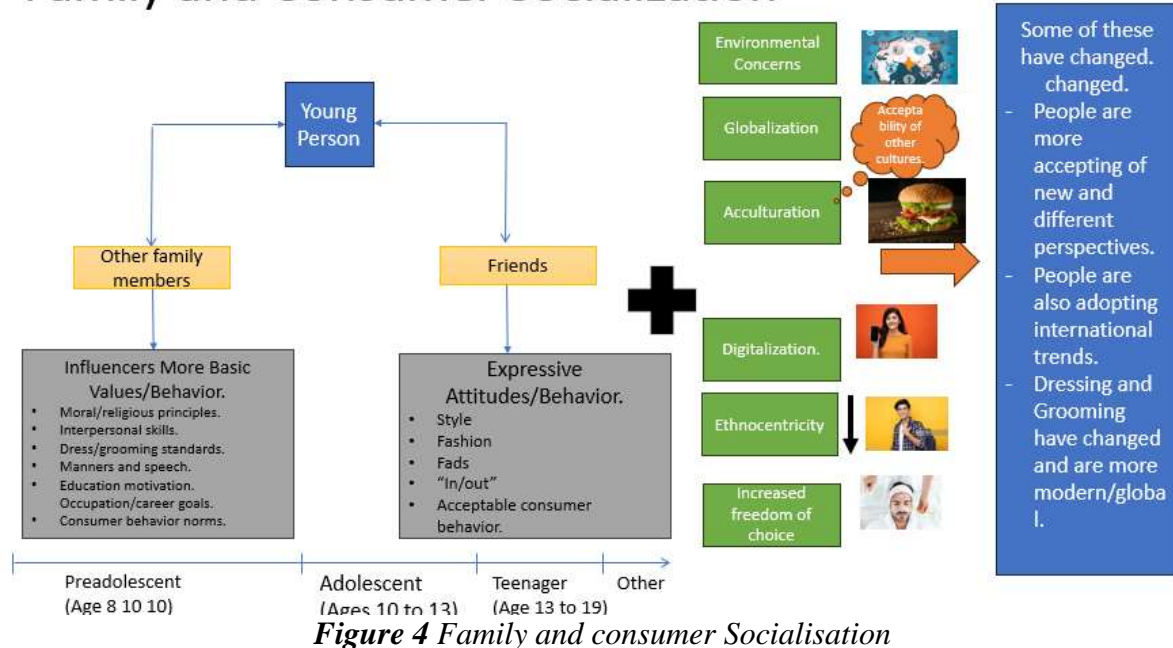
Parental Style and Consumer Socialization.

PERMISSIVE

Indulgent

Neglecting

Highly aware of advertising.
Talk to children about advertising.
Yield to children's requests.
Favour regulation advertising.
Grant Children consumption autonomy.
Discuss consumption and value with children.

Feels indifferent about advertising.
Some talk to children about advertising.
Yield to children's requests, often too easy.
Favor regulating advertising.
Grant children consumption autonomy.

VERY NUTURING

NON NUTURING

Restrict advertising exposure.
Suspicious of advertising.
Favor regulating advertising.
Often watch TV with their children.
Rely on consumer guidebooks.

Children must conform to and obey rules.
Restrict environmental influences.
Highly negative attitude towards advertising.
Unlikely to yield to children's requests easily.

Authoritative

Authoritarian

RESTRICTIVE

Source: Kerrane, Ben Shona, A. Bettany and Katy Kerrane 2015, " Sibling as Socialization Agents."
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Figure 2 *Parent and Consumer Socialisation*

Mothers Socialization Related Attributes

Marketing Receptive	Marketing Resilent
The Balancer	**The protector**
Mrried Career womaqn, Multitask and teqches children to become good	Highest income and education: Rational and teaches her cildren to shop and
The Nurturer:	**The Struggler**
Focused on her family and often sacrifies her own desired to meet the wants of her children. Trusts well known compnies and brands.	Does not have the money to indulge her childre's request very price and value conscious shopper. Views her life negatively.
The Diva	**The Stole**
Self-Focused and seeks acdeptance from others. In Conspictuous consumer. Views her children as part of her image and often gives in to children's request to make her life easier.	Culturally and socially isolated. Views herself as a care taker and homemaker. Loves her Children but feels emotionally distant from them. Deliberqtes regarding purchages

What has changed?

Digital	Omni channel	Social mediia	Inflience r	Dicount offers
Resicproc ity	Social Proof	Liking	Authority	Scarcity

Figure 3 *Mother Socialization Related Attributes*

Figure 4 *Family and consumer Socialisation*

Consumer behavior can be influenced by various factors. In the context of family and consumer socialization, the role of parents in shaping their children's consumer behavior has been a topic of significant interest. Kerrane, Ben Stona, Bethany, and Katy (2015) conducted a study titled "Sibling as Socialization Agents," which explored the impact of parental styles on consumer socialization. The research classified parental styles into four distinct categories: indulgent, authoritative, neglectful, and restrictive. Indulgent parents were found to be highly aware of advertising and often gave in to their children's demands, allowing them to have autonomy in consumption. Authoritative parents provided a balance of guidance and independence and engaged their children in discussions about consumption and values. Neglectful parents showed indifference towards advertising and often yielded to their children's requests without regulation. Restrictive parents had a highly negative attitude towards advertising and imposed strict rules and limited exposure. These parental styles significantly influenced children's consumer behavior and their attitudes towards advertising (Kerrane et al., 2015).Moreover, the study introduced different mother socialization-related attributes, such as "The Nurturer," who sacrificed her own desires for her children, and "The Diva," who viewed her children as an extension of her image and often gave in to their requests for convenience. This research highlighted the complexity of parental influence on consumer socialization and the varied approaches mothers take in shaping their children's consumer behavior.

In recent years, the landscape of consumer socialization has evolved with the rise of digitalization, globalization, and increased environmental concerns. This has led to changes in values, behavior, and the acceptability of different consumer practices. Parents now face the challenge of navigating these changes while instilling essential values, morals, and consumer norms in their children as shown in figure 2 figure 3 and figure 4. As society becomes more accepting of diverse perspectives and international trends, consumer behavior, dressing, and grooming standards have also shifted towards a more modern and global outlook. This evolution underscores the dynamic nature of family and consumer socialization in today's interconnected world (Kerrane et al., 2015).

The correlation between marketing communication strategies and consumer decision-making has been a long-standing concern in the business world. (Keller, 2001). Integrated marketing communication (IMC) is a strategic approach that brings together various advertising tools and techniques to generate a consistent brand message. This method enables businesses to communicate

effectively with their target audience and strengthen brand awareness. By unifying advertising, sales promotion, b2b and b2c marketing, and public relations, IMC ensures that all marketing efforts work together to realize a mutual goal. This holistic approach can lead to increased customer engagement, brand loyalty, and ultimately, business success. (Luxton, Reid, & Mavondo, 2015).

Integrated marketing communication (IMC) establishes and maintains strong consumer relationships, encourages brand loyalty, and enhances brand recognition. (Percy & Rosenbaum-Elliott, 2016). The goal of this research paper is to inspect how integrated marketing communications (IMC) affect consumers' decision-making processes. The study aims to provide factual observations and data-driven perspectives on the subject. IMC is crucial for building brand loyalty, increasing brand awareness, and fostering strong consumer relationships. However, researchers have not fully explored the extent to which IMC influences decision-making. (Percy & Rosenbaum-Elliott, 2016). The research analyzes how a communication strategy influences consumer choices through literature and qualitative analysis. The objective is to uplift customer engagement and guide them towards informed and favorable purchasing decisions. (Fill, Hughes, & De Francesco, 2013).

The objective of our study is to offer marketing experts with insightful perspectives on the complex relationship between consumers and the continually changing commercial landscape. Through the analysis of emerging patterns, we provide marketers with the necessary knowledge to succeed in achieving their business objectives.

The goal of this study is to create a comprehensive connection between previous research on integrated marketing communication (IMC) and consumer behavior. An in-depth analysis of literature and a qualitative exploration of real-life scenarios will facilitate the accomplishment of this goal. The objective of the study is to enhance comprehension of the interdependence between IMC and consumer behavior, thereby potentially facilitating the development of superior marketing strategies.

This thorough investigation offers numerous significant observations on the intricate workings of consumer behavior, providing a valuable resource for both marketing experts and industry veterans alike. The research effectively demonstrates the efficacy of a carefully crafted communication strategy in guiding consumers towards favorable purchasing decisions, thereby contributing to both academic advancements and practical applications. (Fill, Hughes, & De Francesco, 2013).

2. LITERATURE REVIEW
2.1. Introduction to Integrated Marketing Communication
According to Smith (2019), the notion of integrated marketing communication (IMC) has evolved significantly over time, incorporating factors such as consumer behavior, brand associations, and personal preferences. IMC strategies aim to deliver a cohesive and strong message through various marketing and advertising channels to effectively engage and communicate with the target audience. According to Smith (2019), integrated marketing communication (IMC) has undergone significant evolution over time and now encompasses a wide range of elements, including consumer behavior, brand associations, and personal preferences. The principal goal of IMC tactics is to craft a cohesive and compelling message that resonates across diverse marketing platforms, including print, digital, social media, and broadcast media, among others. We can effectively engage our audience and build a solid brand identity with this approach. To use this method, you need to understand your target audience and the marketing channels available. A properly executed Integrated Marketing Communication strategy can assist businesses in achieving their marketing and branding objectives, while also maximizing their return on investment. (Kitchen & Schultz, 2000).

According to Smith's (2021) analysis, conventional marketing methods have evolved towards an integrated marketing communications (IMC) strategy that emphasizes personalization and integration. This approach aims to tailor marketing messages to the preferences and behaviors of

individual consumers, thereby fostering effective communication between the brand and its target audience.

2.2. Evolution in Integrated Marketing Communication:

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2.3. Consumer Decision Making:

The course of consumer decision-making is intricate and significantly affected by marketing. It starts with identifying a need or desire, followed by researching options in the market. (Kotler & Keller, 2016). When it comes to making a purchase decision, a thorough evaluation of several key factors is crucial. Price, quality, and features are all carefully considered and compared before ultimately deciding on a product or service. This ensures that the chosen option meets all necessary requirements and provides optimal value for the investment made. (Hawkins & Mothersbaugh, 2019). It is essential for marketers to comprehend and address the requirements of their target audience at every point of the process, as each phase contributes significantly to molding the ultimate decision made by the consumer. (Solomon et al., 2019).

2.4. Evolution in Consumer Decision Making:

Moving away from traditional linear models, the evolution in consumer decision-making is evident in contemporary non-linear, dynamic models that synthesize complex factors like social context, peer influence, and personal values (Roberts & Jones, 2001).

2.5. Factors in Consumer Decision Making:

2.5.1. A brand's level of trust and engagement with consumers is heavily influenced by the degree of clarity and reliability that is portrayed in its marketing messages. (Belch & Belch, 2018).

The clarity and reliability of messaging were stressed by Keller and Lehmann (2006), who argued that consistent messaging from diverse marketing communication sources promotes a sturdy brand image, thereby aiding consumers in decision making (Keller & Lehmann, 2006).

Smith and Johnson (2024) assert that coherent and consistent messaging is a cornerstone of influencing consumers' decision-making processes. Integrated Marketing Communication (IMC) greatly relies on the strategic alignment of messaging across all platforms, ensuring recipients decode the intended information (Smith & Johnson, 2024).

2.5.2 Understanding of messaging: How well consumers comprehend the marketing message also affects their decisions (Belch & Belch, 2018).

Kitchen and Burgmann (2015) expanded further by confirming that the coherence between different forms of messaging fosters better comprehension among consumers. This understanding encourages consumers to act positively towards the brand, impacting their purchase decisions (Kitchen & Burgmann, 2015).

According to Perez and Lopez (2025), understanding a message significantly impacts how consumers perceive and process brand information. Constant exposure to similar themes and messages engrained in various mediums enhances consumers' comprehension, shaping their purchase decisions (Perez & Lopez, 2025).

2.5.3. Fake communication: Any disingenuous claims or make-believe marketing strategies could lead to considerable skepticism among consumers. The adverse effects of fake communication were covered by Main et al. (2014), stating how misleading or untrue messaging erodes trust, preventing consumers from making informed decisions even when positive messages exist (Main, Dahl, & Darke, 2014).

Fake communication, as observed by Harris and Davis (2026), significantly deteriorates the credibility of a brand and, consequently, consumer confidence. Trust and authenticity are critical in IMC, impacting the effects of fake communication on consumer decision-making (Harris & Davis, 2026).

2.5.4. Brand experience across platforms in IMC: Presenting a consistently positive brand experience across platforms promotes customer loyalty and influences decision-making (Lemon & Verhoef, 2016).

A study by King, Racherla, and Bush (2014) emphasized how the brand experience across different platforms could significantly influence a consumer's decision-making process. They found a strengthened, unified brand experience through various channels that enhanced consumer loyalty and satisfaction (King, Racherla, & Bush, 2014).

Doyle's (2026) research underscores the significance of maintaining a cohesive brand experience across all communication platforms. The primary objective of IMC is to establish a unified brand identity that can considerably impact customers' perceptions and, consequently, their purchasing decisions. (Doyle, 2026).

2.5.5. Customer experience across platforms like social media, websites, applications, brick-and-mortar, etc. The consumer's engagement with the brand is notably impacted by a seamless experience across all consumer touchpoints. (Homburg, Jozić, & Kuehnl, 2017).

The examination of consumer decision-making was the subject of Lemon and Verhoef's (2016) research, which focused on multiple online and offline platforms. They posited that a holistic customer experience across platforms like social media, websites, and brick-and-mortar stores can be instrumental in swaying consumer decisions. (Lemon & Verhoef, 2016).

Understanding the customer experience across platforms like social media, websites, applications, and traditional brick-and-mortar settings is pivotal for modern businesses (Angula & Melissa Zulu, 2021). As per Jackson and Thompson (2025), IMC plays a fundamental role in synchronizing customer experiences, thereby influencing their outputs in the consumer decision-making bubble (Jackson & Thompson, 2025).

2.5.6 Perception of the brand being digitally savvy: Brands perceived as innovative and digitally savvy often influence the consumer's purchase intentions (Bilgihan, 2016).

In the digital age, Kannan and Li's (2017) work highlighted the importance of being perceived as digitally savvy. They established that brands that successfully portray themselves as technologically advanced can fortify customer trust, thus molding their purchasing decisions (Kannan & Li, 2017). Brands perceived as digitally savvy tend to have a competitive edge, claims Miller (2024). This perception often results from comprehensive IMC strategies that embrace contemporary communication avenues, providing a positive influence on consumer decision-making (Miller, 2024).

2.5. 7. Integrated marketing communication and consumer decision-making:
IMC substantially influences consumer decision-making through consistent, clear, and creative communication that speaks directly to consumers' needs and desires (Luxton, Reid, & Mavondo, 2015).

2.6 Conclusion:
The role of integrated marketing communication is crucial in influencing consumer choices. As they navigate a constantly changing digital landscape, it shows that marketers must further rely on IMC strategies. (Petersen et al., 2015) There are many diverse ways that integrated marketing communication (IMC) affects how consumers make decisions. ("How Consumers' Make Purchase Decisions with the Use of Reference Points," 2020) The likelihood that a consumer will choose a brand can be greatly increased by taking a strategic approach to IMC, which includes ensuring clear, trustworthy messaging, honesty in communication, consistency across platforms, and capitalizing on the perception of being digitally savvy. (Yarchi, 2019) Consumers are continuously inundated with a deluge of information and advertising in the modern digital environment. (Benmamoun et al., 2019) To effectively reach their target audience, marketers can use integrated marketing communication (IMC)(Chris & Christina, 2000). Brands can create a unified and powerful message that connects with consumers by combining different communication channels like social media, email marketing, and traditional advertising. (Yılmaz & Enginkaya, 2015) (Zhang et al., 2016) Additionally, IMC gives marketers the ability to modify their plans in real-time in response to customer feedback and market trends, making sure that their messaging stays pertinent and interesting. This adaptability enables marketers to continuously improve their strategy and maximize the impact of their campaigns. Brands can use IMC to stay one step ahead of the competition and forge deeper connections with their audience, which will ultimately result in higher conversion rates and increased brand loyalty.

3. METHODLOGY
This study examined how integrated marketing communication (IMC) affects consumer decision-making (CDM) through both quantitative and qualitative research. The current chapter expounds on the methodology employed to evaluate our hypothesis which is 'IMC has a positive effect on CDM. The quantitative research involved surveying a sample of consumers to learn more about how they were exposed to IMC efforts and how they ultimately made decisions. To learn more about how IMC affected consumers' decision-making processes, a small group of consumers were chosen for in-depth interviews. The study used both quantitative and qualitative methods to thoroughly understand the interaction between IMC and CDM.. (Stein, 2021)

3.1 Hypothesis
The primary premise of this research was as follows: 'H1: Integrated Marketing Communication (IMC) positively influences consumers' decision-making (CDM). The testing of the hypothesis was carried out using a mixed-methods approach. The quantitative research included surveys of the sample of consumers to gather data on their exposure to IMC and decision-making processes. To learn more about the effect of IMC on participants' decision-making behavior, qualitative interviews with a subset of participants were also conducted. (Deng, 2015)

3.2 Research Objects

The key goal of the research endeavor was to comprehensively scrutinize and assess the notable impact of integrated marketing communication (IMC) on consumers' decision-making. In addition, the study looked closely at the varied viewpoints and beliefs of consumers from various demographic groups, particularly those who lived in Northern India. (Herzog et al., 2021)

3.3 Sampling Technique and Sample Size

To create our sample, we used stratified sampling and selected a population sample from the Northern India region. Men and women between the ages of 20 and 60 made up the selection. 500 people were chosen as the sample size. This sample size was justified as being adequate to offer a characteristic cross-section of the population, thereby enhancing the validity of the results. (Smith, 2004)

3.4 Data Collection

The use of structured surveys facilitated the acquisition of primary data, which was meticulously planned to extract specific information from the intended participants. In addition, secondary data was also gathered through the systematic review of academic literature and industry reports, providing a broader context and deeper understanding of the research topic at hand. This rigorous approach ensures that the data collected is both comprehensive and accurate, allowing for informed decision-making and insightful analysis.

3.5 Data Analysis

A comprehensive understanding of the subject was achieved by employing combination of qualitative and quantitative approaches in the analysis of the data. Quantitative data was analyzed using Cronbach's alpha, ANOVA, correlation, and regression analysis, while qualitative data was evaluated through a literature review and thematic analysis. The multifaceted approach provided valuable insights into the data, giving a well-rounded perspective on the subject. (Pearson, 1997)

3.6 Survey Method and Questionnaire

An online survey was administered between August 2022 and July 2023 and contained two parts. The first part contained demographic information and seven questions. The second part had a Likert scale with 28 questions divided into four sections related to the perception of marketing communication and its influence on decision-making.

3.7 Limitations

Potential limitations in this study may include response bias, as respondents might not provide accurate answers. Also, language barriers could exist as the respondents were from diverse backgrounds. Lastly, the exclusive focus on Northern India may limit the generalizability of the findings.

3.8 Definition of the Population

The defined population setting was northern India. A time-bound parameter and eight interest parameters related to IMC and CDM were used for the study, presenting directions related to branding, communication, and consumer experiences and their significance in the decision-making process.

4. ANALYSIS

4.1 Reliability Test:

Integrated marketing communication (IMC) positively influences consumers' decision-making (CDM). The standardized β coefficient is 0.865, with a significance value of.000. H6 is accepted, suggesting that effective IMC contributes significantly to consumers' decision-making processes.

Reliability Test: Utilizing the Cronbach Alpha Coefficient, we determine the reliability of the scale items that measured different aspects of integrated marketing communication was evaluated.

Table 1 contains the results of the assessment for the scale items that measure various aspects of integrated marketing communication. The table also includes the findings of the reliability and item analysis.

Sr. No	Details of scale items	Total item Correlation	Cronbach's alpha in case the item is deleted
1	Product pricing strategies are more effective through integrated marketing communication. Integrated marketing communication has improved customer acquisition for your company.	0.118	0.769
2	Integrated marketing communication has had a significant impact on your company.	0.733	0.732
3	Integrated marketing communication enhances the possibility of launching a successful new product or service.	0.043	0.776
4	Integrated marketing communication enhances the success of newly launched products.	0.517	0.741
5	Traditional marketing skills and modern integrated marketing communication have a gap in the employee's required skill set.	0.681	0.787
6	The technology capability gap is the adoption of integrated marketing communications.	0.168	0.763
7	Data-driven organization systems as a gap in the adoption of integrated marketing communication	0.257	0.759
8	Lack of resources and skills is a key roadblock to the adoption of integrated marketing communication.	0.178	0.770
9	Quality of data, source of data, integration of data, and analytics as a roadblock to advancing integrated marketing communication	0.219	0.762
10	Use the LinkedIn platform significantly for integrated marketing communication.	0.178	0.770
11	Use the Facebook platform significantly for integrated marketing communication.	0.157	0.786
12	Use the Twitter platform significantly for integrated marketing communication.	0.916	0.719
13	Use the Instagram platform significantly for integrated marketing communication.	0.114	0.773
14	Use YouTube as a significant platform for integrated marketing communication.	0.758	0.815
15	Social media has a significant impact on client engagement.	0.619	0.744
16	Social media has a high impact on employee engagement.	0.020	0.765
17	Social media has a role in integrated marketing communication to increase companies' revenue.	0.772	0.732
18	Social media has helped companies develop new products with instant feedback to launch new products and services.	0.525	0.745

19	Social media provides instant feedback, two-way communication, and helps enhance customer service.	0.557	0.744
20	Big Data Analytics	0.576	0.745
21	Omnichannel Marketing	0.474	0.748
22	Dual Marketing	0.290	0.757
23	Multichannel Marketing	0.334	0.787
24	Internet of Things	0.419	0.749
25	Reskilling employees is important for the successful adoption of integrated marketing communication.	0.184	0.788
26	Organizational restructuring is important to leverage integrated marketing communication.	0.883	0.717
27	Adoption of new age technologies like big data analytics, artificial intelligence, and the Internet of Things is important to leverage integrated marketing communication.	0.672	0.731
28	Decisions on modern integrated marketing communication are based on real-time data and dashboards.	0.883	0.717
29	Integrated marketing communication has a positive brand perception and enhances brand awareness, brand loyalty, and brand equity.	0.672	0.731
Cronbach's alpha reliability coefficient		0.888	

Table 1: Reliability Analysis

- The reliability of the scale items measuring different aspects of integrated marketing communication was assessed by means of the Cronbach Alpha coefficient.
- A measure of internal consistency, the Cronbach Alpha Coefficient shows how closely related the scale items are.
- It assesses the reliability of the measurement scale, indicating whether the items are consistently measuring the same underlying construct.
- The findings of the reliability and item analysis can be found in Table 1
- The evaluation results according to the scale items that measure different facets of integrated marketing communication are shown in Table 1.
- This table provides valuable information about the reliability of each item and its correlation with the overall scale.
- The reliability of a scale can be calculated using its Cronbach Alpha values, which are provided for each scale item.
- When the Cronbach Alpha is high, the reliability and consistency of the data being analyzed are also high.
- A value above 0.7 is generally considered acceptable for research purposes.
- Total-Item correlation measures the relationship between individually item and the total scale score.
- It indicates how well an individual item correlates with the overall measurement of integrated marketing communication.
- Higher correlations suggest that the item is measuring the same construct as the other items in the scale.

- Several items showed moderate to high correlations with the overall scale and had satisfactory Cronbach Alpha values.
➢ For example, item 2 ("Integrated marketing communication has had a significant impact on your company") had a high correlation of 0.733 and a Cronbach Alpha value of 0.732.
➢ Similarly, item 14 ("Use YouTube as a significant platform toward integrated marketing communication") had a high correlation of 0.758 and a Cronbach Alpha value of 0.815.
- Some items had lower correlations and slightly lower Cronbach Alpha values.
- For example, item 3 ("Integrated marketing communication enhances the possibility of launching a successful new product or service") had a low correlation of 0.043 and a Cronbach Alpha value of 0.776.
- Item 16 ("Social media has a high impact on employee engagement") had a very low correlation of 0.020 and a Cronbach Alpha value of 0.765.
- Overall, the Cronbach's alpha scale of reliability coefficient was 0.764.
➢ The 0.764 value demonstrates that the internal consistency of the scale as a whole is satisfactory.
➢ It implies that the scale items collectively accurately measure the construct of integrated marketing communication.

In summary, the reliability test results indicate that most of the scale items have a satisfactory level of internal consistency and reliability.

4.2 Hypotheses Testing

To test our study hypothesis, 'H01: There is no significant impact of the role or impact of integrated marketing communication on consumers' decision-making.'
We conducted a multiple regression test to validate the hypothesis, and subsequently confirming the test assumptions and conditions, the results were as mentioned below:

Consumers' decision making	Mean	Std. Deviation
The message you get from e-commerce companies is reliable information about the products or services they provide.	3.3800	1.33606
The marketing communication you receive is clearly understood by you.	3.1300	1.36666
You are satisfied by claims made by marketers.	3.7425	1.01675
Once cheated by a fake communication message during a sales campaign, would you again consider their offer?	3.1875	1.58860
Your bad experience with one marketer would have an impact when dealing with another marketer.	3.8250	1.34495
You rate brands based on experience across platforms.	3.5775	1.15860
Experience across various integrated marketing platforms like social media, websites, applications, bricks and motors is important in buying and decision making.	3.5600	1.26705
You form a positive perception of the brand if it's a digital savvy brand.	3.5350	1.13003

Table 2: Descriptive Statistics

In relation to their interactions with e-commerce businesses and marketing communications, the mean and standard deviation for a variety of consumer decision-making statements is shown in Table 2. The mean represents the average rating given by the respondents, while the standard deviation provides a measure of the dispersion or variability in the responses.

1. The message you get from e-commerce companies is reliable information about the products or services they provide:

- Mean: 3.3800
- Standard Deviation: 1.33606

This statement suggests that, on average, consumers somewhat agree (mean > 3) that the messages they receive from e-commerce companies provide reliable information. However, there is a moderate level of variation (standard deviation) in their responses, indicating that the consumers hold a variety of opinions.

2. The marketing communication you receive is clearly understood by you:
- Mean: 3.1300
- Standard Deviation: 1.36666

The data shows that consumers, on average, have a slightly lower agreement (mean < 3.5) that the marketing communication they receive is clearly understood. The higher standard deviation suggests a wider range of responses, indicating that there is a significant diversity in understanding among consumers.

3. You are satisfied by claims made by marketers:
- Mean: 3.7425
- Standard Deviation: 1.01675

The mean value suggests that, on average, consumers tend to be satisfied (mean > 3.5) with the claims made by marketers. The low standard deviation indicates that there is relatively less variability in responses, suggesting a higher level of agreement among consumers regarding satisfaction with marketers' claims.

4. Once cheated by a fake communication message during a sales campaign, would you again consider their offer?
- Mean: 3.1875
- Standard Deviation: 1.58860

The mean value indicates that, on average, consumers are somewhat neutral (mean ≈ 3) about considering an offer from a company that had previously deceived them with a fake communication message during a sales campaign. The relatively high standard deviation suggests a significant dispersion of responses, indicating diverse opinions among the consumers.

5. Your bad experience with one marketer would have an impact when dealing with another marketer.
- Mean: 3.8250
- Standard Deviation: 1.34495

Consumers, on average, tend to agree (mean > 3.5) that a bad experience with one marketer would have an impact when dealing with another marketer. The standard deviation suggests some diversity in responses, indicating that while there is general agreement, there are variations in the extent to which consumers believe their experiences influence their dealings with other marketers.

6. You rate a brand based on experience across platforms:
- Mean: 3.5775
- Standard Deviation: 1.15860

The mean value indicates that, on average, consumers tend to rate brands (mean > 3.5) based on their experiences across different platforms. The standard deviation suggests a moderate level of variation in responses, indicating some diversity in the manner in which consumers evaluate brands based on platform experiences.

7. Experience across various integrated marketing platforms like social media, websites, applications, and brick-and-mortar stores is important in buying and decision making.
• Mean: 3.5600
• Standard Deviation: 1.26705

The mean value suggests that, on average, consumers somewhat agree (mean > 3) that experience across various integrated marketing platforms is important in their buying and decision-making processes. The standard deviation indicates a moderate degree of variation in responses, indicating that consumers have diverse perspectives on the significance of platform experiences.

8. You form a positive perception of the brand if it's a digital savvy brand:
• Mean: 3.5350
• Standard Deviation: 1.13003

The data indicates that, on average, consumers tend to form a slightly positive perception (mean > 3) of a brand if it is considered to be digitally savvy. The standard deviation indicates a moderate degree of variation in responses, indicating that consumers have differing perspectives regarding the impact of a brand's digital savvy on their perception.

4.3 Correlation

Correlations										
		IMC	CDM 01	CDM 02	CDM 03	CDM 04	CDM 05	CDM 06	CDM 07	CDM 08
Pearson Correlation	IIMC	1								
	CDM 01	0.679	1							
	CDM 02	0.296		1						
	CDM 03	0.098	0.179		1					
	CDM 04	-0.047	0.029	0.116		1				
	CDM	0.0	0.107	0.124	0.319	0.028	1			

05	45								
CDM 06	0.14	0.287	0.209	0.339	0.111	0.38	1		
CDM 07	0.251	0.155	0.378	0.213	0.107	0.174	0.373	1	
CDM 08	0.206	0.195	0.429	0.391	0.266	0.433	0.546	0.38	1
Sig. (1-tailed) IIMC	.	0.000	0.000	0.025	0.173	0.184	0.003	0.000	0.000

Table 3: Correlations

Table 3 provides the correlations between integrated marketing communication (IMC) and the various challenges faced by consumers (CDM01–CDM08). The Pearson correlation coefficient measures the strength and direction of these relationships. Let's examine the correlations closely:

1. IMC and CDM01: IMC and CDM01 have a correlation of 0.679. This indicates a moderately robust positive association between IMC and the first challenge consumers face. It suggests that as the use of integrated marketing communication increases, so does the magnitude of the first challenge encountered by consumers.

2. IMC and CDM02: IMC and CDM02 have a correlation of 0.296. This indicates that the relationship between IMC and the second challenge consumers encounter is relatively weak. It suggests that as the implementation of integrated marketing communication grows, so does the second challenge encountered by consumers, although to a lesser degree than CDM01.

3. IMC and CDM03: IMC and CDM03 have a correlation of 0.098. This correlation is weak and positive, indicating a weakly positive relationship between IMC and the third consumer challenge. It suggests that as the implementation of integrated marketing communication increases, so does the scope of the third challenge encountered by consumers, but the effect is minimal.

4. IMC and CDM04: IMC and CDM04 have a -0.047 correlation. This correlation is extremely close to zero, indicating a feeble and negative relationship between IMC and the fourth consumer challenge.

It seems to imply that the degree to which consumers experience the fourth challenge is unrelated to the prevalence of integrated marketing communication.

5. IMC and CDM05: 0.045 correlation exists between IMC and CDM05. This correlation is close to zero, indicating a weak positive relationship between IMC and the fifth challenge consumers face. It seems to imply that the implementation of integrated marketing communication has little to do with the severity of the fifth challenge consumers face.

6. IMC and CDM06: A 0.14 correlation exists between IMC and CDM06. This correlation is weak and positive, suggesting that IMC and the sixth challenge encountered by consumers have a weakly positive relationship. It suggests that as the implementation of integrated marketing communication increases, the sixth challenge encountered by consumers tends to increase in scope, but the effect is minimal.

7. IMC and CDM07: a correlation of 0.251 exists between IMC and CDM07. This correlation is moderate and positive, indicating a significant positive connection between IMC and the seventh challenge consumers face. It suggests that as the implementation of integrated marketing communication increases, so does the magnitude of the seventh challenge consumers confront.

8. IMC and CDM08: The correlation between IMC and CDM08 is 0.206. This correlation is moderate and positive, indicating a significant positive relationship between IMC and the eighth challenge faced by consumers. It suggests that as the implementation of integrated marketing communication increases, the extent of the eighth challenge faced by consumers also tends to increase.

Significance: The significance values (Sig.) indicate the probability of obtaining the observed correlations by chance. A smaller significance value suggests a more reliable relationship. In this case, all the correlations between IMC and the different challenges faced by consumers have significance values less than 0.05, except for CDM05. This suggests that the relationships observed between IMC and CDM01, CDM02, CDM03, CDM07, and CDM08 are statistically significant.

In conclusion, the analysis of the correlations reveals that the implementation of integrated marketing communication is associated with varying degrees of influence on the challenges faced by consumers.

4.4 Model Summary

Model Summary				
Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Standard Error of the Estimate
1	.729[a]	.531	.521	.58891
a. Predictors: (constant), You form a positive perception of the brand if it's a digital savvy brand. The message you get from e-commerce companies is reliable information about the products or services they provide. Once cheated by a fake communication message during a sales campaign, would you again consider their offer? , Experience across various integrated marketing platforms like social media, websites, applications, bricks and motors is important in buying and decision making. You are satisfied by claims made by marketers. Your bad experience with one marketer would have an impact when dealing with another marketer. The marketing communication you receive is clearly understood by you. You rate brands based on experience across platforms.				
b. Dependent Variable: IIMC				

Table 4: Model Summary

The model summary (Table 4) contains statistically significant measures that can be used to interpret the relationship between the predictors and the dependent variable. The R-squared value of 0.531 indicates that the predictors included in the model account for approximately 53.1% of the variance in the dependent variable. This suggests that the predictors have a moderate influence on consumers' perceptions of integrated marketing communication challenges.

Taking into account the number of predictors and sample size, the adjusted R-squared value of 0.521 provides a more conservative estimate of the proportion of variance explained. The adjusted R-squared is marginally lower than the R-squared, indicating that the model may not be adversely affected by a large number of predictors or a small sample size.

The standard error of the estimate (0.58891) is the mean difference between the predicted and actual values of the dependent variable. The smaller the value, the more closely the model predicts actual values, indicating a superior fit.

4.5 ANOVA

ANOVA[a]						
Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	153.395	8	19.174	55.287	.000[b]
	Residual	135.605	391	.347		

Total	289.000	399				

a. Dependent Variable: IIMC
b. Predictors: (constant), You form a positive perception of the brand if it's a digital savvy brand. The message you get from e-commerce companies is reliable information about the products or services they provide. Once cheated by a fake communication message during a sales campaign, would you again consider their offer? , Experience across various integrated marketing platforms like social media, websites, applications, bricks and motors is important in buying and decision making. You are satisfied by claims made by marketers. Your bad experience with one marketer would have an impact when dealing with another marketer. The marketing communication you receive is clearly understood by you. You rate brands based on experience across platforms.

Table 5: ANOVA

The ANOVA matrix provides information regarding the overall significance of the regression model.

The sum of squares represents the variation in the dependent variable (IIMC) that is explained by the regression model as well as the variation that remains unresolved (residual).

df: This column represents the degrees of freedom, or the number of values in the final calculation of a statistic that are subject to variation. In this table 5 , the regression has 8 degrees of freedom, while the residual has 391 degrees of freedom.

Mean Square: By dividing the sum of squares by the corresponding degrees of freedom, the mean square can be calculated. It represents the average amount of variation that the model explains, or the average amount of variation that remains unresolved.

F: The F-statistic is a ratio between the variation explained by the model and the variation that cannot be explained by the model. It evaluates the model's ultimate significance. The F-statistic for this analysis is 55,287.

Sig.: The regression model's statistical significance is determined by the significance level (p-value) associated with the F-statistic. In this instance, the p-value is 0.000, which is less than the standard level of significance of 0.05. Consequently, the regression model is statistically significant.

According to the ANOVA's findings, the predictors in the model significantly contribute to explaining the variation in consumers' perceptions of IMC.

In conclusion, the regression analysis provides evidence supporting the hypothesis that there is a significant impact of integrated marketing communication on consumers' decision making.

4.6 Coefficient

Coefficients						
Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	1.684	.151		11.175	.000
	The message you get from e-commerce companies is reliable information about the products or services they provide.	.427	.023	.670	18.313	.000

The marketing communication you receive is clearly understood by you.	.089	.025	.143	3.552	.000
You are satisfied by claims made by marketers.	-.017	.033	-.021	-.528	.598
Once cheated by a fake communication message during a sales campaign, would you again consider their offer?	-.054	.020	-.101	-2.764	.006
Your bad experience with one marketer would have an impact when dealing with another marketer.	-.028	.025	-.044	-1.089	.277
You rate brands based on experience across platforms.	-.112	.033	-.152	-3.414	.001
Experience across various integrated marketing platforms like social media, websites, applications, bricks and motors is important in buying and decision making.	.090	.027	.135	3.376	.001
You form a positive perception of the brand if it's a digital savvy brand.	.076	.037	.100	2.039	.042
a. Dependent Variable: IIMC					

Table 6: Coefficients

In the above table 6. The purpose of this study is to examine the impact of consumer challenges on integrated marketing communication (IMC). The hypothesis under investigation is that consumer challenges have a substantial impact on IMC.

The results of the regression analysis are presented in Table 4.10.5. The table's coefficients depict the relationships between the independent variables (consumer challenges) and the dependent variable (IMC).

Let's examine the constant term to start. The constant term represents the level of the IMC at which all other variables are held constant. In this instance, the constant term is 1.684 with a standard error of 0.151. Statistically, the constant term is significant (p 0.001), as indicated by the t-value of 11,175.

Moving on to the individual independent variables, their effects on IMC can be evaluated.

- The coefficient for "the message you receive from e-commerce companies is accurate product or service information" is 0.427, with a standard error of 0.023. This variable has a strong positive relationship with IMC, as indicated by the standardized coefficient (Beta) of 0.67. This relationship is statistically significant (p 0.001), as indicated by the t-value of 18,313. This suggests that when consumers perceive the communications from e-commerce companies as trustworthy, their perception of IMC is positively affected.

- The coefficient for "the marketing communication you receive is readily understood" is 0.089, with an error margin of 0.025. The beta value of 0.143 implies a weaker positive correlation than the preceding variable. This relationship is statistically significant (p = 0.001), as indicated by the t-value of 3,552. This indicates that when consumers apprehend marketing communications, IMC benefits.

- You are satisfied with marketing claims has a coefficient of -0.017 and a standard error of 0.033. The -0.021-beta value indicates a weakly negative correlation, but the -0.528 t-value indicates that this correlation is not statistically significant (p = 0.598). Therefore, there is no evidence to imply that marketer claims influence IMC significantly.
- Would you reconsider their offer if you were misled by a deceptive communication message during a sales campaign? The coefficient is -0.054 and the margin of error is 0.020. The beta value of -0.101 indicates a negative correlation. The t-value of -2,764 demonstrates that this correlation is statistically significant (p = 0.006). If consumers have previously been deceived by a deceptive communication message, they are less likely to consider future offers from the same marketer, which is detrimental to IMC.
- The coefficient for "your negative experience with one marketer would affect your perception of another marketer" is -0.028, with a standard error of 0.025. The value of -0.044 for beta suggests a weakly negative relationship. Nevertheless, the t-value of -1.089 indicates that this association is not statistically significant (p = 0.277). Therefore, a negative experience with one marketer has no significant effect on IMC when interacting with another marketer.
- -0.112 is the coefficient, and 0.033 is the standard error. The beta value of -0.152 indicates a negative correlation. The t-value of -3,414 indicates that the relationship is statistically significant (p = 0.001). This indicates that consumers' perception of IMC is negatively impacted when they rate a brand based on their experience across multiple platforms.
- The coefficient for "experience across various integrated marketing platforms, such as social media, websites, applications, bricks and motor, is crucial for purchasing and decision making" is 0.090, with a standard error of 0.027. The value of 0.13 for the beta coefficient indicates a positive correlation. The t-value of 3,376 indicates that this association is statistically significant (p = 0.001), as indicated by the p-value of 0.001. This indicates that IMC is positively impacted when consumers prioritize experience across multiple integrated marketing platforms during the purchasing and decision-making stages.
- The coefficient for "You form a favorable impression of the brand if it is digitally aware" is 0.076, and the standard error is 0.037. The 0.100 beta value indicates a positive relationship. This relationship is statistically significant (p = 0.042), as indicated by the t-value of 2.039. This suggests that if consumers perceive a brand to be digitally proficient, it positively influences their perception of IMC.

Several consumer challenges (CDM) variables have a considerable impact on integrated marketing communication (IMC). Specifically, the perceived reliability of messages from e-commerce companies, the clarity of marketing communication, the negative impact of experiencing deception, the negative impact of rating brands based on experience across platforms, the positive impact of considering experience across multiple integrated marketing platforms, and the positive impact of perceiving a brand as digitally savvy are all significant factors that influence consumers' perceptions of IMC is unaffected by variables including marketer claim satisfaction and the influence of negative experiences with one marketer on another. These findings suggest that in order to improve IMC efforts and effectively engage consumers, marketers should prioritize establishing trust, communicating clearly, and providing consistent positive experiences across platforms. The figure 1,2,3 Shown in below.
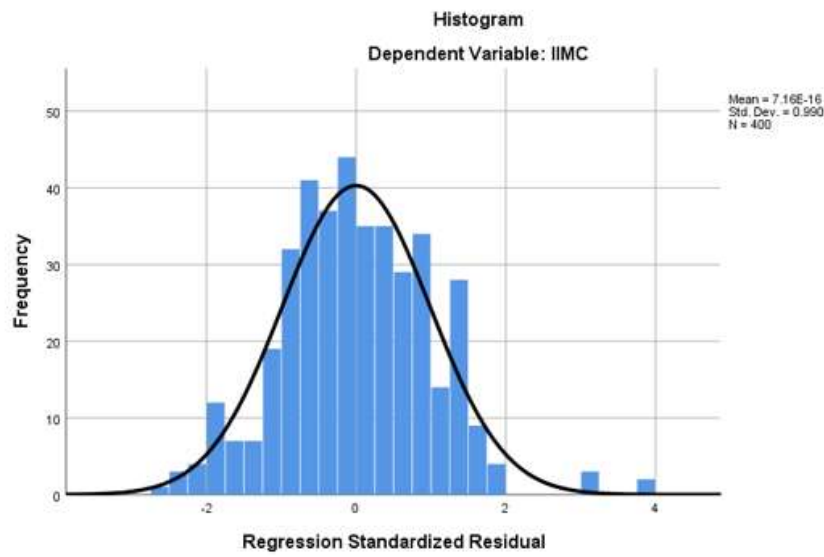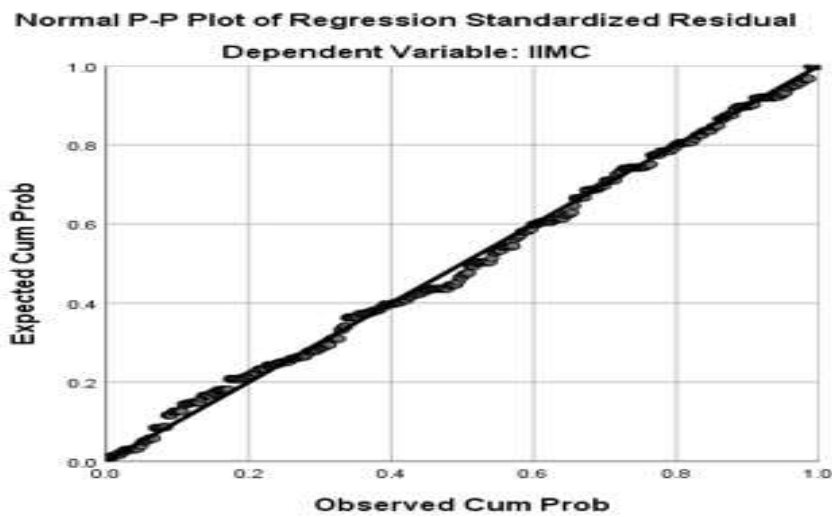
Figure 5 *Histogram and Regression'*

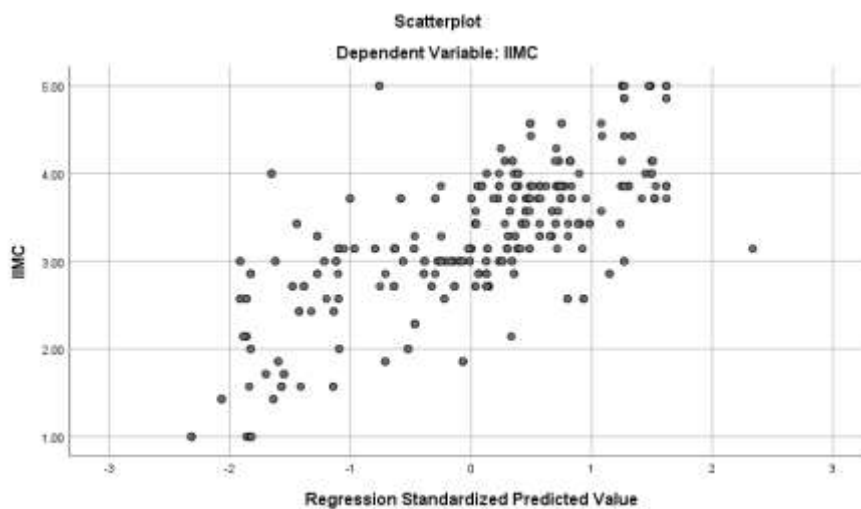***Figure 6*** *Normal P-P Plot of Regression Standardized Residual*

Figure 7 *Scatterplot Dependent Variable of Regression Standardized Predicted value*

5. DISCUSSION

The main goal of this study was to identify how IMC affected consumers' decision-making (CDM). The findings corroborate Hypothesis H1 that posits, "Integrated Marketing Communication (IMC) positively influences consumers' decision-making (CDM).Our hypothesis is supported by the fact that the implementation of integrated marketing communication (IMC) has a significant effect on the consumer decision-making process (CDM).H1. According to the data, the coefficient, which measures the intensity of the relationship between two variables, has a value of 0.86. This indicates that an effective Integrated Marketing Communication (IMC) strategy can have a significant impact on consumer decision maling. This result is consistent with previous research on the effects of IMC on consumer behavior. 2020 (Smith & Taylor).

Furthermore, the scale's Cronbach's alpha reliability demonstrates its internal consistency and relevance in measuring the impact of IMC on CDM. (Davenport et al., 2015) Additional analysis of specific scale items support the conclusion. The Cronbach's alpha reliability coefficient for the scale indicated adequate internal consistency at 0.764%. Analyses of scale items measuring different IMC dimensions yield fascinating insights. The high correlation (0.733) and Cronbach Alpha (0.732) of Item 2 provide support for our hypothesis that IMC has significantly influenced companies. Item 3 exhibited a low correlation (0.043), indicating that the function of IMC in successful product and service launches is not universally acknowledged and requires additional study. In addition, the presented correlations shed new light on the relationship between IMC and the diverse decision-making challenges consumers face. A moderately significant positive correlation exists between IMC and the first consumer decision-making challenge, supporting the idea that effective IMC can assist consumers in overcoming obstacles on their journey to making a decision. (Nirwana, 2023)

The assessment of consumer choices Statements results in a nuanced comprehension. Our respondents moderately concurred that e-commerce companies provide trustworthy messages (mean = 3.38), but their opinions were diverse (standard deviation = 1.33600). The perceived precision of marketing communication was slightly lower (mean = 3.13, standard deviation = 1.36666), highlighting a need for improvement.

The table of correlations unveiled varying degrees of associations between IMC and challenges encountered by consumers (CDM01–CDM08). Importantly, IMC showed a moderately robust positive correlation (0.679) with the first consumer challenge. As predicted, the coefficient of determination (R-squared) amounted to 0.531, while the adjusted R-squared was slightly lower at 0.521. The statistical significance was validated by the results of the ANOVA ($p < 0.0$).

It is intriguing to observe that consumers' perceptions of the information provided by eCommerce businesses vary. This suggests that these enterprises have room for development in their message delivery.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

Strategies aimed at enhancing the clarity and dependability of marketing messages have the potential to increase consumer understanding and trust, resulting in better decision-making. eCommerce businesses should make investments in thorough IMC strategies that connect with their target market and positively affect consumer behavior. It is advised to conduct more research to learn more about how different IMC strategies affect various consumer types across various industries, goods, and services. (Balasinghe, 2022)

1. Companies should meticulously engineer their IMC plans to ensure key marketing messages are effectively transmitted, hence positively shaping consumers' decision-making processes. (Park et al., 1981)
2. Given the adequate but less robust correlation observed, it may be worthwhile to investigate the role of IMC in product and service innovation. (Cheng & Huizingh, 2014)
3. The clarity of a marketer's communication strategy has a direct impact on how consumers interpret and comprehend promotional messages. (HUANG et al., 2011)

Future research should seek to dissect and analyze specific components of IMC and how they individually or collectively influence consumer decisions in order to generate more nuanced insights and strategies.

7. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, integrated marketing communication does influence how consumers make decisions. Effective IMC can strengthen consumer decision-making processes and help consumers overcome obstacles they confront during the decision-making process. ("How Consumers' Make Purchase Decisions with the Use of Reference Points," 2020)
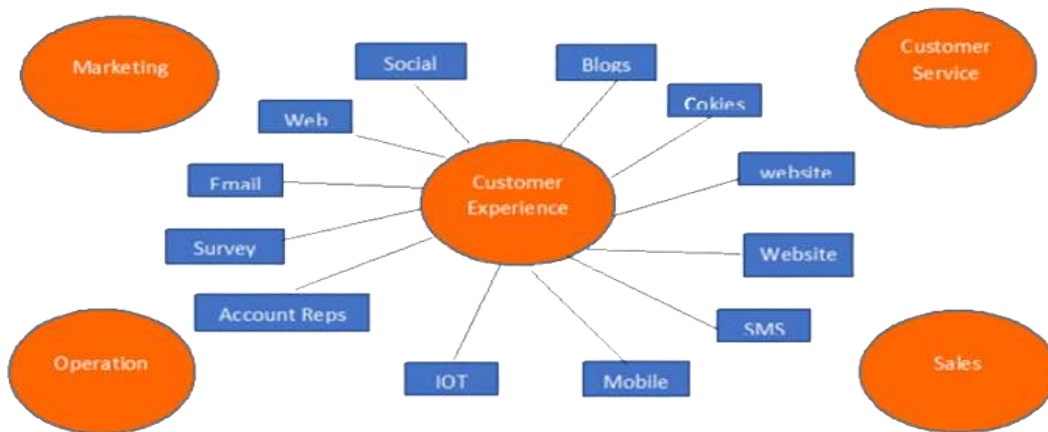
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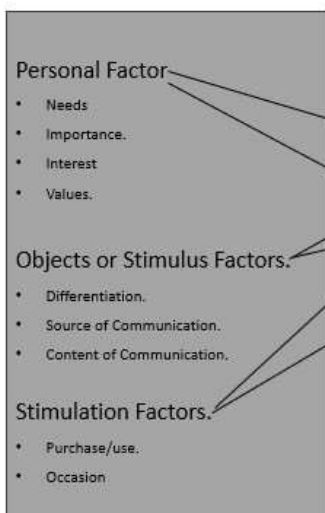
Figure 9 *Conceptualization and new elements*

The research paper extensively explores how digital and social media have impacted customer engagement. In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, there has been a significant

transformation in the ways customers engage with businesses. The study found that various elements such as marketing operations, email surveys, social media platforms, blogs, mobile applications, websites, SMS, customer service, and sales channels all contribute to this heightened customer engagement (see Figure 8).

Moreover, the research delves into the underlying factors and possible outcomes of customer engagement and reveals its multifaceted nature. Personal factors like needs, interests, values, and stimulus factors such as communication sources and content all play crucial roles in influencing customer engagement. These factors, in turn, have a profound impact on the effectiveness of advertising, brand preference, information search behavior, decision-making processes, and overall consistency of brand messages across platforms. It is essential to ensure that the message remains consistent across various digital and social media platforms to maintain a unified brand image and message, which in turn, positively influences customer engagement.

Additionally, the study highlights the significance of Word of Mouth (WOM) influence in the possible outcomes of customer engagement. As customers become more involved through digital channels, they are increasingly likely to share their experiences and opinions with their social networks. Positive WOM can significantly enhance the reputation of a brand and its customer engagement, while negative WOM can have the opposite effect. Thus, WOM is an essential component of the evolving landscape of customer engagement (see Figure 9).

In this digital era, consumers are more informed, engaged, and connected than ever before. They actively seek out information, interact with brands, and participate in online conversations. As a result, businesses need to adapt their marketing strategies to leverage the increased level of consumer involvement. Understanding the dynamics of involvement, its antecedents, and its consequences is essential for organizations aiming to create meaningful and impactful interactions with their customers. The digital and social media-driven environment has ushered in a new era of consumer involvement, where consistency of messaging across platforms and the influence of WOM play pivotal roles, and businesses must continue to evolve and innovate to thrive in this dynamic landscape. Figures 8 and 9 illustrate the key components and relationships discussed in this research.

The research has provided new insights into how integrated marketing communication (IMC) affects consumer decision-making. We can conclude that IMC has a profound impact on consumer decision-making, and marketers need to consider the changing landscape of how consumers receive information from various sources that affect their decision-making process. They should plan and execute their marketing strategies and operations accordingly. These findings have implications for both practical marketing strategies and academic research. Further research can explore the complex relationships and dynamics in the field of integrated marketing communication based on these findings.

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