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# Bridging the Gap: Understanding the Link between HR Practices and Innovative Behavior

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#### ABSTRACT

**Purpose:** This study aims to examine the partial and sequential mediating effects of work engagement (WE) and organizational citizenship behavior (OCB) on the relationship between human resources management practices (HRMP) and innovative work behavior (IWB) to find an integrative relationship mechanism.

**Design/methodology/approach:** This study used a cross-sectional data collection technique to obtain a usable sample of 324 employees in Indonesia who work in the banking sector. The least squares structural equation modeling was applied to the data analysis in this study.

**Findings:** The study's findings suggest that HRMP does not directly influence IWB. However, WE and OCB mediate partially or sequentially in the relationship between HRMP and IWB. These mediating mechanisms shed light on the psychological processes of employees, emphasizing the significance of innovative behavior in the workplace. **Research limitations/implications:** This research implies the importance of paying attention to the role of WE and OCB in designing and implementing HRMP to increase IWB. These results also highlight the importance of a holistic approach to creating meaning in the workplace that can encourage innovative behavior.

**Originality/value:** This research offers a deeper understanding of the complex relationships between HRMP, WE, OCB, and IWB. These findings explore possible mediating mechanisms previously discovered in the literature and offer new insights for future research in this area.

Keywords: HRM practices, Innovative work behavior, Work engagement, Organizational citizenship behavior, Chain mediation

#### I. Introduction

Researchers argue that employees' perceptions of these practices are more important to examine thoroughly than the company's intention to adopt these practices (Alfes, Shantz, et al., 2013). A large body of research has investigated the relationship

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† Corresponding author: Gugup Kismono E-mail: gugup kismono@ugm.ac.id organizational and individual levels. Papa et al. (2020) examined the relationship between HRM practices and performance; Alfes et al. (2013) examined its relationship with individual employee performance; and Elrehail et al. (2020) examined its relationship with employee satisfaction and competitive advantage. Studies show that employee perceptions of human resource management can encourage positive employee behavior. An organization realizes the importance of people as the most important asset in achieving

between HR practices and performance at the



business goals (Legge, 1995). Organizations recognize that success depends not only on technology or business strategy but also on the quality and skills of employees. On the way to success, organizations must realize that managing human resources (HR) well is the main key. Therefore, HR practices aim to develop employees, motivate them, and provide a work environment that allows employees to develop (Cherif, 2020).

Today, innovation is indispensable in enabling organizations to adapt to rapid economic changes and gain competitive advantage. In an era full of volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity (VUCA), innovation is the key to gaining a competitive advantage (Liu et al., 2016). In the VUCA era, organizations face rapid and unpredictable change (volatility), a need for clarity about the future (uncertainty), increasing complexity in operations (complexity), and incomplete or contradictory information (ambiguity). In this situation, employees with specific competencies are expected to be able to overcome VUCA challenges.

Employee innovation is considered a company's core competency, and each employee's innovative thinking and activities are the cornerstone of continuous innovation (Pieterse et al., 2010). Thus, stimulating employee innovative behavior remains a focus in theoretical and practical areas. The extent to which HRM practices provide employees that the organization cares about its essential role in redefining and improving the relationship between employees and the organization to have an impact and performance (Dhar, 2015). Although several studies have highlighted the relationship between several HR functions, such compensation, training, and performance management, influencing employee creativity (Cao, 2023), there seems to be a gap in the literature regarding the role of HR practices, particularly in influencing work innovative behavior (IWB) (Agogué et al., 2014; Dhar, 2015; Hon & Lu, 2015).

The relationship between an organization and its employees can be understood as an economic or social interaction based on contracts that stipulate specific obligations without emphasizing performance outside the terms of the agreement (Blau, 1964). On the other hand, social interactions involve norms and terms of reciprocity that are not always clear, allowing the benefits provided to exchange partners to be returned in the long term (Blau, 1964; Eisenberger et al., 1986). HRM practices are also considered to increase employee engagement, which is evidence that employee contributions are valued, and organizations seek to build exchange relationships with employees (Allen et al., 2003).

HRM practices that show that the organization is committed to its employees as a form of investment and cares about the welfare and development of employees, it is likely that employees feel that the organization is supportive, which is positively related to organizational citizenship behavior (Snape & Redman, 2010). Thus, IWB will emerge due to positive work engagement (WE) and organizational citizenship behavior (OCB). The assumption is that employees who feel involved, valued, and have an essential role in the organization are more likely to dare to think positively, try new things, and actively create innovation in the work context.

Organizations in developing countries have realized that HRM practices are essential for business continuity (Rasool et al., 2019). Based on the Forbes 2023 Global 2000 report: The World's Largest Public Companies, eight Indonesian companies are included in the list, which is dominated by the banking sector, namely Bank Rakyat Indonesia (rank 308), Bank Mandiri (rank 418), Bank Central Asia (rank 462), and Bank Negara Indonesia (rank 931). The other four are telecommunications companies, namely Telkom Indonesia (rank 788), mining companies, namely Sumber Daya Bayan (rank 984) and Adaro Energy (rank 1,393), as well as airline companies, namely PT. Garuda Indonesia (rank 1572). In connection with this, in this research, PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia (Persero) Tbk. (the Bank) is the company that has the most significant number of employees compared to others. Having a reasonably broad number of employees and a wide spread of locations, the majority of HR management policy implementation at "the Bank" is carried out through a pattern of delegation of authority involving HR departments outside the head office and line managers.

In addition, banking is one of the most sensitive sectors worldwide (Rasheed et al., 2016). Although banks provide different services in their standard times, they play an essential role in gathering business. They must comply with all internal standard operating procedures (SOPs) and rules and regulations imposed by the central bank (Suhartini et al., 2023). To achieve this goal, banking employees must be alert, competent, committed, and dedicated and demonstrate innovative work behavior. Due to the complexity of innovative behavior in the work environment, more research is needed to understand this topic better and utilize a more comprehensive exchange of information (Suhandiah et al., 2023). This encourages banking employees to think creatively in adapting processes and technology to keep up with changing business developments.

This research is essential because it reveals a relationship between HRM practices and IWB that needs to be fully understood. Although many studies have examined the relationship between HRM practices and organizational and individual performance (Alfes et al., 2013; Elrehail et al., 2020; Papa et al., 2020) there are similarities in the literature regarding how HRM practices specifically influence IWB (Agogué et al., 2014; Dhar, 2015). HRM practices that demonstrate organizational commitment to employees can increase work engagement and organizational citizenship behavior, which in turn encourages IWB (Snape & Redman, 2010). In the context of the banking sector in Indonesia, which is a sensitive sector and requires rapid adaptation to business developments, a deeper understanding of how HRM practices can encourage innovative behavior is critical (Rasheed et al., 2016). This research aims to bridge this shadow and provide insights to help organizations develop strategies that support employee innovation, ultimately contributing to organizational competitiveness amidst rapid economic change.

## II. Literature Review

#### A. HRM Practices

HRM practices are the primary mechanism that companies use to exert influence on their human resources (Sanz-Valle & Jiménez-Jiménez, 2018). In general, HRM aims to increase long-term success and survival by improving human resources (Hassan & Mahmood, 2016). Merkle et al. (2021) explain that employee perceptions can be a preference for HRM success. This emphasizes the importance of paying attention to employee perceptions in designing and implementing HRM strategies so that they can support the achievement of organizational goals (Tajeddini et al., 2023).

According to Wright and Nishii (2007) in the model they developed, the influence of HRM practices implemented in an organization on employee attitudes and behavior can emerge through employee perceptions of these HRM practices. Furthermore, it was explained that the significant aspect is how HRM practices are perceived through employee experience rather than depending on policymakers' intentions. Therefore, companies can stimulate desired behavior by using HRM practices that encourage certain attitudes and behavior and discourage undesirable behavior (Bos-Nehles & Veenendaal, 2019).

## B. Innovative Work Behavior

Rapid technological change requires organizations to innovate to remain competitive and sustainable in a dynamic business environment. In response to change, organizations tend to focus on job designs that enable employees to demonstrate innovative behavior according to changing customer demands and internal needs (Erhan et al., 2022). Innovative behavior in organizations is often represented by the term IWB, which refers to activities related to initiating, directing, and implementing new ideas or products, work processes, and organizational procedures. This concept emphasizes the importance of employees

generating new ideas and applying them in the work context to increase organizational efficiency and competitiveness (De Jong & Den Hartog, 2010).

IWB is a multi-stage process influenced by an individual's knowledge, skills, and experience. This highlights that to demonstrate innovative behavior, employees need to have relevant knowledge, technical skills, and sufficient experience (Sethibe & Stevn, 2017). It is important to note that IWB is a complex behavior that positively impacts organizational and individual performance. Through IWB, individuals can express and develop innovative ideas, which can improve operational efficiency, create added value, and create competitive advantages for the organization. However, remember that IWB also requires employees to display extra-role behavior (Erhan et al., 2022). They must dare to take risks, collaborate with colleagues, and have the ability to overcome obstacles to realize innovative ideas. Therefore, organizations need to create a work environment that supports and encourages employees to demonstrate IWB.

## C. Work Engagement

Work Engagement is a term first discussed by Kahn (1990), is a state of mind that is pleasurable, accomplished, and related to work (Blaique et al., 2023). This research uses the WE concept proposed by Schaufeli et al. (2006) defined as a positive psychological condition related to work. Vigor refers to the level of energy an individual has when working and the individual's willingness to give effort to work, as well as individual persistence when facing difficulties at work; dedication refers to high individual attachment to his work, enthusiasm, and pride in his work; absorption refers to the level of individual concentration when doing work.

WE is different from work performance, although it can be related to employee performance. WE is seen as a positive state of mind related to work, not a level of performance (Kulikowski & Sedlak, 2020). Although many factors have been examined as underlying factors related to work engagement

performance have yet to receive much attention in the existing literature. In the context of human resource management, a more complete understanding of the factors that influence work engagement and employee performance will enable the development of more effective strategies for improving employee performance and well-being in organizations (Kundi et al., 2022).

## D. Organizational Citizenship Behavior

Companies are currently facing increasingly fierce competition, pushing them to increase requirements regarding the skills possessed by employees. This confirms that the company understands the importance of having a skilled and competent team to succeed in the ongoing competition (Yu et al., 2021). OCB is believed to be able to increase company productivity, increase work efficiency, and improve positive interactions between fellow employees through voluntary and proactive attitudes and actions (Dekas et al., 2013; Yu et al., 2021).

In addition, OCB refers to external actions carried out voluntarily and characterized by discretion in the choice of employee attitudes and behavior (Organ, 1998). Taking into account the characteristics of OCB, OCB enables the company's extraordinary core business performance and catalyzes increased performance (Podsakoff et al., 2011). Regarding OCB, at the organization's core is everything that happens during unpredictable work. Therefore, OCB is essential in increasing productivity, efficiency, and company performance, creating an environment that can lead to OCB of employees (Tajeddini et al., 2023).

## E. Hypotheses Development

Innovation involves updates or discoveries that can bring about positive changes in the context of a particular product, process, or activity (Curado, 2018). Organizations that embrace innovation can achieve significant market growth and high levels

of success by enhancing the competencies of their employees (Seeck & Diehl, 2017). Indirectly, organizations have the potential to expand innovation horizons by increasing the skills and motivation of employees (Shipton et al., 2017). Innovation depends on the unique human ability to think and act, known as IWB (Singh et al., 2021).

Although HRM can be considered a strategic policy, the SET approach emphasizes that HRM implementation must constantly develop best practices to adapt to the dynamics of change in the organization (Choi & Jeong, 2022). One aspect focused on is recognizing the human potential in creating innovations; however, understanding HRM practices that can facilitate innovative work behavior is still limited (MacKenzie et al., 2022). Taking this into account, this research formulates the following hypothesis.

## H1: Human resource management practices influence innovative work behavior

Positive psychology emphasizes utilizing human strengths, optimal functioning, and well-being for business success and competitive advantage (Luthans, 2002). One of the concepts of positive organizational behavior that has emerged in the last decade is WE. WE have attracted the attention of business practitioners, academic researchers, and governments because they are considered an emerging form of individual-organization relationship, which not only increases individual loyalty and satisfaction but also contributes to performance (Agarwal et al., 2012). In the context of SET, employees who have WE tend to show more courageous behavior and can take risks (Agarwal et al., 2012; Macey et al., 2011). This is because WE involves the use of individual energy to achieve certain goals. Employees who lack trust in their organization tend to lose motivation in carrying out their duties.

SET also explains the relationship between HRMP, WE, and IWB. When an organization invests in human resources, employees must contribute in return for what they receive (Hapsari et al., 2019). Prieto and Pérez-Santana (2014) show that engaged employees

carry out their standard roles and additional roles. When employees have positive feelings towards their work, they are willing to experiment, which leads to IWB. SET describes this relationship as a positive cycle in that HRM practices supporting employees will strengthen WE and encourage better IWB. Thus, it is hypothesized as follows.

**H2:** Work engagement mediates the relationship between human resource management practices and innovative work behavior.

The organization provides employees with various HRM practices, such as training, career development, recognition, and fair compensation. Within the SET framework, these HRM practices can be considered a source of exchange between organizations and employees (Macey et al., 2011). Employees can develop their skills, gain recognition, and feel valued for their contributions. Several studies have shown that HRM practices can facilitate the development of employees' beneficial attitudes toward work by generating positive psychological perceptions. Thus, HRM practices can indirectly affect organizational effectiveness by shaping the desired employee OCB attitude (Wei et al., 2010). SET provides an explanatory framework regarding employee perceptions of the behaviors they admire. Individuals seek equal agreements with organizations based on the exchange principle. If employees perceive high risk, there will be gaps in the exchange relationship, and these employees will be frustrated and distrustful. As a result, their commitment to the organization and desire to stay will decrease but will instead encourage IWB (Liu et al., 2016). Thus, it can be hypothesized as follows.

**H3:** Organizational citizenship behavior mediates the relationship between human resource management practices and innovative work behavior.

An effective HRMP is crucial in developing human resources to achieve individual and organizational

goals. The literature has recognized the impact of HRMPs at the individual, group, and organizational levels. Previous research emphasizes the importance of considering employee perceptions of HRM practices about employee behavior rather than simply relying on the intentions behind HRM practices strategically (Wright & Nishii, 2007). Nevertheless, research focusing on individual experiences of HRM interventions still needs to be completed. Therefore, it is relevant to contribute to understanding how employees' perceptions of HRM practices can influence employee outcomes (Alfes, Shantz, et al., 2013). However, research on the consequences of WE, such as for OCB, needs to be the focus of research that focuses specifically on its role in the relationship between HRMP and IWB (Saks et al., 2022). Thus, understanding the relationship between HRMP, WE, OCB, and IWB can provide deeper insight into how human resource management can influence employee behavior and performance in organizations.

Guided by SET, positive HRM practices build a strong sense of WE in employees, so they feel valued by the organization and tend to feel more emotionally attached and committed. WE is a positive response to HRM practices that encourage employee volunteerism beyond their primary duties, such as helping colleagues, providing constructive advice, or participating in additional projects. As such, it becomes a form of positive contribution to the organization that emerges in response to WE. In addition, employees involved in OCB will be more creative and innovative at work because they feel that they positively influence the organization and are free to create new solutions or propose innovative improvements. Thus, it is hypothesized as follows.

**H4:** Human resource management practices influence innovative work behavior through sequential mediation of work engagement and organizational citizenship behavior.

All hypotheses are summarized in Figure 1.

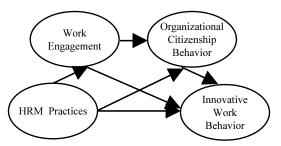


Figure 1. Research framework

## III. Research Methods

The population in this study were all permanent employees of "the Bank". Employees with contract and outsourcing status are not categorized as the research population because the proportion of permanent employees is the largest among the three. Additionally, tenured employees are selected because they work closely with their leaders, who communicate and provide authority for decision-making within a defined scope. The sample selection method used in this research is non-probability sampling, where not all individuals have the same opportunity to be sampled. More specifically, the sampling technique used in this research was snowball sampling. Thus, the number of samples used in this research was 324 respondents. Hair et al. (2010) stated that a sample size of more than 200 is sufficient in structural equation model analysis. Therefore, a sample size of 324 is considered sufficient for structural equation model analysis.

Measurement scales, HRMP was measured using eleven items taken from the research of Tajeddini et al. (2023) and Zaim et al. (2007). WE was operationalized using a nine-item measurement scale adopted from Schaufeli et al. (2006). OCB was operationalized using a five-item measurement scale adopted from Jung and Yoon (2012) initially proposed by Podsakoff et al. (2000). Finally, employee IWB was measured using eight perception measures adapted from Tajeddini et al. (2023). In addition, all items were measured using a seven-point Likert-type scale (1: strongly disagree to 7: strongly agree).

Based on Table 1 above, it is known that there are more males than females, with the respective numbers being 205 (63.27%) and 119 (36.73%). In the age context, the age range from 31 to 35 years is the largest, with a percentage of 33.33% with a Bachelor/ Undergraduate education level (95.37%) and tenure of more than ten years (48.15%).

Descriptive statistics were formed to profile respondents' responses regarding demographics and employment. In the current study, the considered data were examined using IBM SPSS and Amos version 24 to prepare preliminary data files. The results also claim the adequate fitness of the hypothesized model. The Descriptive statistics are given in Table 2.

The information obtained by the researchers is based on the data presented in Table 2, namely the

Table 1. Respondent profile

	Profile	Quantity	%
Gender	Male	205	63.27
	Female	119	36.73
	25-30	63	19.44
	31-35	108	33.33
Age (year)	36-40	74	22.84
	40-45	36	11.11
	>45	43	13.27
Education	Senior High School	7	2.16
	Bachelor/Undergraduate	309	95.37
	Post Graduate	8	2.47
_	2 - 5	28	8.64
Tenure (year)	5 - 10	140	43.21
	> 10	156	48.15

Note(s): n=324,  $>=more\ than$ 

Table 2. Descriptive statistics

Variable	Mean	SD	1	2	3	4
HRMP	5.90	0.82	1.000			
WE	5.96	0.94	0.40**	1.000		
OCB	6.29	0.58	0.48**	0.37**	1.000	
IWB	5.10	1.03	0.35**	0.46**	0.52**	1.000

<sup>\*\*</sup> Significant correlation at the level of 0.01 (2-tailed)
Note(s): HRMP (human resource management practices); WE (work engagement); OCB (organizational citizenship behavior); IWB (innovative work behavior).

correlation between statistically significant variables, where the highest value is the relationship between the variables of OCB and IWB, equal to 0.52. That is to say, there is no tendency for multicollinearity in this study.

## IV. Data Screening and Analysis

Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) tests the hypotheses proposed in this measurement model because it is considered flexible and comprehensive for evaluating model suitability. According to Byrne (2013), SEM can test model suitability well, such as with the help of SPSS 26 and AMOS 24 software.

Table 3 shows that CFA shows a value of RMSEA=0.055, CFI=0.948, GFI=0.855, NFI=0.902, PNFI=0.835, AGFI=0.825. These results maintain the standard limits given by Hair et al. (2010), namely  $\chi^2/df \le 3$ , NFI = $\ge 0.90$ , RMSEA =  $\le 0.08$ , CFI = $\ge 0.90$ . GFI and AGFI values close to 0.90 are considered appropriate suitability (Seyal et al., 2002; Srivastava & Dhar, 2016). In addition, CFA was also performed to assess the convergent and discriminant validity of the overall measurement model. We evaluated convergent validity as recommended by Hair et al. (2010).

Based on Table 4, it is known that CFA, AVE, and CR are very satisfactory. In addition, the discriminant test is based on the average variant extracted (AVE) value. All variables presented in Table 4 indicate that, convergently, they have a value

Table 3. Summary of CFA goodness of fit indices

Fit indices	Values
$\chi^2$	
$\chi^2/df$	1.979
Absolute fit measures	
Goodness of fit index (GFI)	0.855
Root mean square of error of approximation (RMSEA)	0.055
Incremental fit indices	
Normed fit index (NFI)	0.902
Comparative fit index (CFI)	0.948
Parsimony fit index	
Adjusted goodness of fit index (AGFI)	0.825
Parsimony normed fit index (PNFI)	0.835

Table 4. Realibility and validity

Variable	Indicator	Loading Factor	AVE	CR	
	HRMP1	0.745			
	HRMP2	0.797			
	HRMP3	0.821			
	HRMP4	0.869			
	HRMP5	0.845			
Human resource management practices	HRMP6	0.765	0.569	0.935	
management practices	HRMP7	0.733			
	HRMP8	0.724			
	HRMP9	0.634			
	HRMP10	0.721			
	HRMP11	0.595			
	WE1	0.769			
	WE2	0.842			
	WE3	0.848			
	WE4	0.920			
Work engagement	WE5	0.781	0.577	0.923	
	WE6	0.775			
	WE7	0.698			
	WE8	0.517			
	WE9	0.600			
	OCB1	0.615			
	OCB2	0.752			
Organizational citizenship behavior	OCB3	0.829	0.534	0.850	
chizonomp benavior	OCB4	0.663			
	OCB5	0.774			

Table 4. Continued

Variable	Indicator	Loading Factor	AVE	CR
	IWB1	0.734		
	IWB2	0.794		
	IWB3	0.837		
Innovative	IWB4	0.847 0.723	0.954	
work behavior	IWB5 0.90	0.904	0.723	0.934
	IWB6	0.895		
	IWB7	0.866		
	IWB8	0.910		

Table 5. Hypothesis test results

Dolotion skin	Effect	β	t	p	95% CI		D 1
Relationship					LL	UL	- Result
Direct							
$HRMP \rightarrow IWB$	0.510	0.067	0.762	0.447	-	-	Not Supported
Indirect							
$HRMP \rightarrow WE \rightarrow IWB$	0.149	0.039	7.025	0.000	0.083	0.233	Supported
$HRMP \rightarrow OCB \rightarrow IWB$	0.194	0.052	7.685	0.000	0.102	0.307	Supported
$HRMP \to WE \to OCB \to IWB$	0.041	0.015	9.849	0.000	0.014	0.074	Supported

Note(s): HRMP (human resource management practices); WE (work engagement); OCB (organizational citizenship behavior); IWB (innovative work behavior).

 $(AVE) \ge 0.5$ , so it can be declared valid with a composite reliability value of  $\ge 0.7$ . Therefore, all the variables above have a high level of reliability. Based on the evaluation of the GOF criteria, then a simultaneous model test was carried out.

The next stage is testing the research hypothesis, which is carried out by calculating the path coefficient ( $\beta$ ) and p-value. Results of PROCESS Macro analysis to test the hypothesized model in Table 5 show that HRMP does not directly impact IWB ( $\beta$ =0.067, t=0.0762, p $\geq$ 0.05). Therefore, it can be concluded that H1 is not supported statistically in this study. In contrast to the direct relationship, which was not supported, the indirect relationship, namely H2, H3, and H4, received statistical support, each of which can be explained that WE mediate the indirect relationship between HRMP and IWB ( $\beta$ =0.039, t=7.025, p $\leq$ 0.01), and OCB mediated the indirect relationship between HRMP and IWB ( $\beta$ =0.052, t=7.685, p $\leq$ 0.01).

In addition, sequential mediation, namely mediation of WE and OCB on the indirect relationship between HRMP and IWB, was also supported statistically ( $\beta$ =0.015, t=9.849, p ≤0.01). The influence of sequential mediation impacts can be a successful alternative for HRMP to encourage IWB, as indicated by the statistical value of H4, which is higher than H2 and H3 (9.849 ≥ 7.025; ≥7.685).

## V. Discussion and Conclusion

Our findings are in line with Bos-Nehles and Veenendaal (2019), who confirmed that HRMP policies do not meet employees' positive perceptions. In the banking sector, this can be influenced by compensation, which can have a negative impact (Fernandez et al., 2012). This finding is enough to

raise the question of how HRMP does not influence IWB directly. Based on SET, this should have a significant correlation (Choudhary et al., 2020). However, this has received attention from Verhoest et al. (2007), that political pressure threatens the perception of organizational legitimacy.

In this context, this understanding refers to the psychological mechanisms of employees that apply to individuals when they understand the importance of innovative behavior in the workplace. This finding further strengthens that employees find it difficult to be more proactive in completing their work in the banking sector, and HRMP can be the cause. The high demands of work are far beyond the scope of handling them, so employees perceive them as obstacles (Kwon & Kim, 2020). This means that job demands that should be able to create new ideas become pressures that can increase boredom in the work environment and encourage counter-productive behavior. To overcome this, organizations must consider the psychological aspects of individuals, as proven in this study.

Employees strengthen their sense of self-worth and personal identity by interacting cognitively with the broader social environment, such as envisioning expectations in specific roles and responding with generalizations of individual perceptions (Meynhardt et al., 2020). By integrating WE and OCB, HRMP can work well to encourage IWB (Singh et al., 2021). Therefore, the relationship between HRMP and behavioral outcomes is better explained by mediating more holistic variables about the individual's self, including the activated component (Alfes, Shantz, et al., 2013).

One construct that includes emotional, cognitive, and physical activation simultaneously, and therefore represents an inclusive view of the individual self, namely WE (Rich et al., 2010) and OCB (Wei et al., 2010). These two constructs provide a more comprehensive view of employee involvement and contribution in the organizational context. Therefore, WE and OCB must mediate either partially or sequentially in the relationship between HRMP and IWB. Individuals who positively perceive HRMP in

large organizations will increase WE with their work and, thus, tend to apply OCB to form IWB in the work environment. This finding also indicates that employees' perceptions of HRMP are essential in increasing IWB, WE, and OCB levels. However, the extent to which employees' IWB towards the organization positively perceives HRMP varies depending on the WE and OCB functions.

This research provides theoretical implications for advancing knowledge in HRM and IWB through the lens of sequential mediation. Based on the SET. HRMP has not been shown to affect IWB directly. In this case, even though employees can carry out breakthrough innovations, in understanding HRM practices, employees must recognize how implementing these practices can impact their behavior (MacKenzie et al., 2022). Ultimately, SET illustrates that this relationship between HRMP and IWB can occur if employees have WE and OCB. These findings imply the importance of WE and OCB as internal individual factors that determine the success of an organization's investment in influencing positive feedback from its employees. These findings support and expand SET beliefs by involving individual psychological aspects regarding the importance of HRM practices as an essential component of environmental conditions that play an important role in realizing WE and OCB, which ultimately encourage IWB in the work environment.

In addition, this research provides valuable insight into how HRMP can influence IWB through the mediating role of WE and OCB. The practical implications of this research can assist organizations in designing more effective HRM strategies to encourage innovative behavior. Organizations must ensure employees have a positive perception of HRMP policies through clear communication, transparency, and fairness in human resource management. These findings also explain that high job demands can lead to burnout and counter-productive behavior, so organizations need to understand employee limitations and work to reduce excessive pressure, including more efficient workload management, training employees to manage stress, and creating an environment that supports work-life balance.

This research only involved a sample of employees who worked at "the Bank". As a result, the generalizability of the results of this study to different types of organizations and contexts may be limited (Podsakoff et al., 2000). Thus, the study acknowledges the existence of research limitations that can become recommendations for further research. First, this research uses data from one particular organization or sector, so the results may only apply to some industries or other organizational contexts. Therefore, future research could adopt a longitudinal approach to track changes in the relationships between HRMP, WE, OCB, and IWB over time to provide better insight into long-term dynamics.

Second, related to the constructs applied to the variables in this study, it is essential to expand the literature on using HRMP measurement scales. This is because organizational policies constantly change, so adjustments and updates are needed to the latest conditions, for example, by adopting the literature Singh et al. (2021) with more varied measurement items. Thus, the gap in this study can be overcome, mainly to prove again the direct relationship between HRMP and IWB. In addition, a more comprehensive approach can also provide a deeper understanding of how HRMP can influence innovation in the workplace through WE and OCB mechanisms in optimizing HRM practices and creating an environment that supports innovation and sustainability.

However, this study reveals that HRMP has no direct relationship to IWB. Nonetheless, this research implies that effective and positive HRMP policies can be a powerful driver of innovation in the workplace. What is more, the importance of creating meaningfulness in work can be carried out with various holistic approaches to inspire future researchers and provide new insights on this topic, especially the mechanism of the indirect relationship between HRMP and IWB.

In summary, this research highlights the importance of understanding the relationship between human resource management practices (HRMP) and innovative behavior in the workplace, particularly in the banking sector. The findings show that HRMP does not have a direct relationship with innovative behavior, but effective and positive HRMP policies can drive innovation in the workplace. The mediating role of positive work engagement and organizational citizenship behavior in this relationship is critical in creating behavior that supports innovation. The practical implications of this research include the design of more effective human resource management strategies to encourage innovative behavior, such as clear communication, transparency, and fairness in human resource management. Additionally, this research highlights the importance of understanding the psychological aspects of individuals in the work environment and how this can impact overall performance. By considering these findings, organizations can achieve sustainable growth and development in a competitive business environment.

## Authors' Declarations

The authors of this study sincerely declare our commitment to presenting accurate and meaningful findings. We strive to highlight the diversity of perspectives and respect the contributions of all parties involved in the research process. With full responsibility, we are committed to publishing the results of this research transparently and sharing the knowledge we gain through the scientific community and related practitioners. We strive to maintain high ethical standards in all aspects of our work for technological advancement and practical application.

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