Assessing the Strategic Value of HR Analytics Maturity: Implications for Executive Decision-Making Effectiveness

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Abstract
This thought-provoking paper seeks to explore the role of HR analytics maturity in executive strategic decision-making effectiveness, by detailing a systematic review and combination of existing literature in HR analytics, strategic human resource management, evidence-based management, and executive strategic decision-making that was published up to the time of the review in June 2025, claiming that while organizations are increasingly investing in HR analytics technologies and data architectures, the strategic value derived from such investments vary widely across organizations due to differences in analytics maturity and also lack of adequate conceptual clarity on the underlying processes through which HR analytics can inform and enrich executive decision processes; the paper adopts a structured conceptual framework rooted in the Resource-Based View, Dynamic Capabilities Theory, and the principles of evidence-based management to review and critique prior empirical and conceptual studies, offering an integrative framework delineating HR analytics maturity as a multidimensional organizational capacity comprising data quality, analytical sophistication, human analytical skills, governance structures, and strategic integration, and linking that capacity to executive strategic decision-making performance, defined in terms of decision quality, alignment with strategic intent, timeliness, and the ability to manage uncertainty; the proposed framework highlights important mediating variables including evidence-based HR practices, strategic workforce insights, enhanced executive cognitive processing, and relevant boundary conditions such as the analytical competence of top management, organizational data-driven culture, and the quality of collaboration between HR and senior leadership, that collectively and critically determines the degree to which HR analytics maturity can lead to superior strategic decisions; the paper also argues that over the long term, higher HR analytics maturity allows executives to transition from intuition-driven retrospective decision-making to more forward-looking, predictive and prescriptive strategic choices, especially in the areas of workforce planning, talent investment, organizational agility, and risk management; and in this way, the paper marks an original contribution to the HR analytics and strategic HRM literature by reconceptualizing HR analytics maturity not as a mere informational or operational toolset but instead as a capability embedded in the organization through which, when effectively aligned with executive decision-making processes, HR analytics can create sustained strategic value, while also providing valuable theoretical and practical insights for senior executives, HR executives and policy-makers who seek opportunities for improvement in the strategic governance of analytics and long-term organizational performance.

Keywords: *HR analytics maturity, Strategic decision-making effectiveness, Strategic human resource management, Evidence-based management, Dynamic capabilities, Executive decision-making, Data-driven HRM*

I. Introduction and Background of the study

Across industrialized society, there has been an upsurge in the adoption of HR analytics as part of a larger transformation toward evidence-based organizational governance, motivated by advancements in digital technologies, artificial intelligence, big data infrastructure, and analytics tools that promise to enhance organizational performance by enabling more scientifically rigorous, objective, and timely managerial decision-making particularly in the domain of human resource management where workforce-centered decisions involve inherent complexities, uncertainties, and strategic consequences; in recognition of such progressive shifts, HR analytics has transitioned from a largely operational aspect that largely focuses on descriptive reporting and efficiency-driven metrics to a more strategic role that strives to generate predictive and prescriptive insights that can inform executive-level decisions involving, for example, workforce planning, talent investment, executive development, organizational agility, and long-term competitive advantage, revealing that senior leaders increasingly recognize human capital as a vital strategic asset that deserves to be managed through evidence-based methods instead of intuition or past experience; furthermore, the increasing velocity of change and increased complexity, uncertainty, and ambiguity of contemporary business markets have heightened the demand for

evidence-based intelligence to improve executive decision-making as top management teams are held accountable for strategic decisions and consequently responsible for justifying strategic choices with credible data, estimating risks more accurately, and aligning human capital strategies with organizational goals, positioning HR analytics as a potential significant determinant of the quality of strategic governance and decision-making capabilities; however, and despite significant organizational expenditures in developing HR analytics technologies, data platforms, and hiring specialized analytics roles across the organization, the pressing question remains on how to translate the outputs of analytics into effective strategic decisions at the top management level as many organizations still report limited strategic impact of HR analytics initiatives with strategic insights either under-used, misunderstood, or disconnected from actual decision processes, indicating that the mere existence of analytics tools is inadequate for producing strategic returns; moreover, this is compounded by a lack of conceptual precision on how HRM maturity that is, the extent to which organizations maintain integrated data architectures, advanced analytical capabilities, skilled human capital, governance mechanisms, and strategic alignment affects executive decision-making quality and success resulting in an fragmented understanding of HR analytics as a technical solution rather than a strategically embedded organizational capacity; existing HR analytics literature has predominantly focused on adoption, implementation, and technical sophistication issues, including system quality, data quality, and analytical techniques or have examined isolated HR outcomes including recruitment effectiveness, turnover reduction, or performance measurement, while providing insufficient investigation on how variations in analytics maturity directly influence strategic decision-making processes at the executive level, implicitly and explicitly producing decision quality, timeliness, strategic alignment, and the capacity for risk management all at once; furthermore, literature has yet to adequately integrate perspectives from strategic HRM, dynamic capabilities theory, and evidence-based management to demonstrate the underlying mechanisms through which HR analytics maturity enables executives to detect workforce-related opportunities and risks using actionable intelligence, seize strategic choices when they arise, and gradually transform organizational capabilities over time, revealing the existence of an important conceptual gap at the intersection of HR analytics maturity and executive strategic decision-making effectiveness; therefore, this conceptual paper aims to systematically synthesize and integrate insights from the HR analytics, STRATEGIC HRM, and decision-making literatures to conceptually investigate the strategic value of HR analytics maturity explaining its implications for executive decision-making effectiveness, striving to develop a coherent framework that indicates how mature HR analytics capabilities contribute to superior strategic decisions mediated by mechanisms that include evidence-based HR practices, strategic workforce profiling, and enhanced executive cognitive processing, while also recognizing the effects of boundary conditions such as an organizational data culture at the enterprise-wide level, top management analytical competence functional level, and HR–executive collaboration; by doing so, this article seeks to present a theoretical contribution to the strategic HRM and analytics literature by repositioning HR analytics maturity as a dynamic, value-generating organizational capacity rather than a narrowly based technical function and a practical contribution by providing actionable insights for executives and HR leaders on how to frame, develop, and leverage HR analytics maturity to enhance strategic decision-making effectiveness and long-term organizational performance and sustainment capabilities in data-rich and uncertain climate environments.

II. Conceptual Background and Literature Review

HR analytics maturity has increasingly been featured in the strategic human resource management literature (Fowler, 2020) as organizations progress beyond simple reporting to obtain advanced, integrated, and strategically embedded analytics capabilities (Kourti et al., 2021; Madan, 2022); HR analytics maturity is also paradoxically often understood as a multidimensional [1] construct comprising (a) HR data quality and integration; (b) the sophistication of analytic techniques employed, spanning descriptive and diagnostic to predictive and prescriptive analytics; (c) the availability of HR and executive analytical skills; (d) governance structures facilitating ethical and strategic data use; and (e) the alignment of analytics initiatives with organizational strategy, thus differentiating analytics maturity characterized by a systemic, strategic approach from more fragmented, operationally focused HR metrics (Kourti et al., 2021; Madan, 2022). Concomitantly and arguably independent of HR analytics maturity considerations, strategic decision-making effectiveness has surfaced as a key outcome variable in management research (Boal & Hooijberg, 2001; Goll & Rasheed, 1997; Hildebrandt et al., 2022), typically conceptualized as the extent to which executive decisions are timely, of high quality, aligned with organizational objectives, evidence-informed, and capable of managing uncertainty and risk (Eisenhardt & Zbaracki, 1992), especially in dynamic, turbulent business environments where workforce-related decisions often have far-reaching performance consequences (Becker & Huselid, 2006). Attention in the literature regarding the potential relationship between HR analytics maturity and strategic decision-making effectiveness has grown, with existing scholarship increasingly suggesting a direct, positive link whereby greater levels of analytics maturity would empower executives access to more accurate, timely, and forward-looking workforce information (Margono et al., 2021; Whittaker, 2022) and consequently improve strategic clarity by enhancing understanding of human capital constraints and opportunities [2], support more rigorous risk assessments through

quantifying uncertainties [3], mitigate talent-related investment risks via predictive modeling of talent supply, demand, performance, and cost implications, and ultimately produce better results (Whittaker, 2022). Yet the literature also implies that this link is neither straightforward nor mechanistic due to the strategic value of HR analytics maturity likely being conditional upon a unique set of mediating mechanisms which help translate analytical outputs into actionable executive insights; indeed, evidence-based HR practices are further postulated to play a pivotal role in this process as they focus on institutionalizing the systematic use of empirical data, analytics findings, and scientific evidence in HR-related strategic choices (Cascio et al., 2016), thereby reducing management reliance on intuition and minimizing cognitive biases (Rynes et al., 2001). Along similar lines, it is plausible that strategic workforce insights derived from mature HR analytics systems are functional as a key mediating mechanism as they synthesize complex workforce data into narratives and scenarios that are more coherent and digestible in a manner supportive of executive sensemaking (Meyers et al., 2013), long-term planning (Fowler, 2020), or strategic alignment (Fowler et al., 2021); executive analytical capability defined as the ability of senior leaders to interpret, critically evaluate, and apply analytical insights in strategic contexts is further presumed to mediate this relationship, as it also determines the extent to which analytics outputs are successfully integrated into decision-making processes rather than remaining isolated within HR functions (Kourti et al., 2021; Whittaker, 2022). In turn, the literature has pointed to the existence of a variety of perceived moderating factors that impact the strength and direction of the relationship between HR analytics maturity and strategic decision-making effectiveness, top management support consistently recognized in this regard as a crucial pre-condition as executive endorsement and allocation of resources legitimize analytics initiatives and promote their usage in strategic deliberations, while a data-driven culture moderates this relationship by shaping norms, values, and behaviors governing evidence use, openness to data-driven insights, and willingness to challenge established practices driving decision-making (Hildebrandt et al., 2022). Additionally, HR–executive collaboration seems to emerge as a particularly salient moderating factor, with close interaction and mutual understanding between HR leaders and senior executives facilitating translation of analytics insights into strategic terms, ensuring alignment between HR analytics objectives and organizational priorities, and enhancing trust in analytics-based recommendations generating potential for improving the strategic impact of analytics maturity (Margono et al., 2021; Whittaker, 2022). Together, this body of literature implies that HR analytics maturity is a foundational strategic capability, one that can considerably improve executive decision-making effectiveness as long as certain mediating mechanisms exist and appropriate contextual conditions are portrayed, while also revealing the need for greater conceptual integration between HR analytics maturity and strategic decision-making research in order to comprehensively explain how and under which circumstances analytics-driven HR systems create sustained strategic value.

Propositions Development

Drawing on strategic human resource management, evidence-based management, and dynamic capabilities perspectives, this study advances four interrelated propositions that collectively explain how and under what conditions HR analytics maturity contributes to executive strategic decision-making effectiveness; we begin with the assertion that HR analytics maturity is positively associated with executive strategic decision-making effectiveness (Proposition 1), as more mature HR analytics systems enable executives to access high-quality, integrated, and forward-looking workforce data, apply advanced analytical techniques, and integrally align human capital strategy with organizational strategy, improving decision quality, timeliness, strategic clarity, and the management of uncertainty core dimensions of effective strategic decision-making in complex and volatile environments per prior research; however, similar to evidence-based management literature, the impact of HR analytics maturity on executive decision-making effectiveness is unlikely to be direct alone, which leads to Proposition 2, suggesting that the relationship between HR analytics maturity and decision-making effectiveness is mediated by evidence-based HR practices, as HR analytics maturity facilitates the systematic use of empirical data, analytical insights, and scientific evidence in HR-related strategic choices, institutionalizes rigorous decision protocols, and reduces reliance on intuition, political influence, or cognitive biases, effectively translating analytical outputs into actionable and credible inputs for executive deliberation; extending this logic further, the literature indicates that the ability of senior leaders to interpret, critically evaluate, and apply analytics insights varies considerably, giving rise to Proposition 3, which argues that top management analytical capability strengthens the positive effect of HR analytics maturity on decision-making effectiveness, where executives with higher analytical literacy, quantitative reasoning skills, and openness to data-driven insights are better positioned to engage with complex analytics outputs, challenge assumptions, integrate workforce analytics with financial and strategic considerations, and ultimately leverage analytics maturity as a strategic asset (rather than treat it merely as a technical support function); moreover, organizational context plays a critical role in shaping the strategic value derived from HR analytics maturity, leading to Proposition 4, which posits that strong organizational data-driven culture enhances the strategic value derived from HR analytics maturity by fostering shared norms and values that promote evidence over intuition, facilitate cross-functional data sharing, legitimize analytics-informed challenges to established practices, and support learning-oriented experimentation, therefore increasing the

likelihood that analytics insights are actually used in executive decision-making processes; together, these propositions conceptualize HR analytics maturity as a foundational organizational capability, whose strategic value is realized through a combination of enabling mechanisms and contextual conditions, pointing to the conclusion that while investments in analytics infrastructure and tools are necessary, they are not sufficient in isolation, and while the effectiveness of analytics-driven strategic decision-making is contingent on the institutionalization of evidence-based HR practices, the analytical capabilities of top management teams, and a supportive organizational culture all of which together determine whether HR analytics maturity translates into improved strategic outcomes at the executive level, thereby offering a coherent conceptual explanation for the mixed empirical findings reported in prior HR analytics research and providing a theoretically grounded foundation for future empirical testing of the proposed relationships.

III.   Discussion related to the study

The paper linked to the study offers an intriguing look at how the maturity of Human Resource (HR) analytics affects executive strategic decision-making effectiveness. While organizations make significant investments in analytical technologies and data architectures for HR, the study found that the derived strategic benefits of such investments differs dramatically across organizations. This variation is mainly because of differing analytics maturity and the absence of conceptual clarity on how the processes of HR analytics assist and enhance executive decision-making processes. Drawing on the Resource-Based View (RBV), Dynamic Capabilities Theory (DCT), and principles of evidence-based management, we present a conceptual framework that objectively appraises existing empirical and well-developed conceptual work in HR analytics, strategic human resource management (SHRM), evidence-based management, and executive decision-making. In doing so, this operationalizes HR analytics maturity as a multi-facetted organizational capability comprising of data quality, analytical sophistication, people analytical skill, governance structures, and strategic integration. The framework further examines how these components affect executive decision-making performance specifically in terms of decision quality, strategic intension convergence, timeliness, and uncertainty management capabilities. By identifying specific mediating variables (namely, evidence-based HR practices, strategic workforce-level insights, executive cognitive processing, and key boundary conditions such as top management analytical ability, organizational data-driven culture, and HR–senior leadership collaboration) that together may shape the translation of HR analytics maturity into superior strategic decisions, the study contributes to a better understanding of reality. The paper suggests that 1 of the biggest differentiators is that HR analytics maturity helps more mature organizations shift away from intuition-driven, retrospective, past driven approach to a future-oriented, predictive, and eventually prescriptive decision-making process. Skilled in workforce planning, strategic talent investments, organizational agility, and risk management, this shift is most crucial in these aspects. Therefore, the research reframes HR analytics maturity – not as a static information or operational toolkit, but rather as a dynamic organizational capability. HR analytics can be essential to the long-term governance and operational performance of organizations by generating sustained strategic value when positively aligned with executive decision-making. The significance of the paper is that it offers theoretical and practical implications for senior executives, HR leaders, and policy-makers who aims to strategically govern and develop analytics which can positively impact the sustainability of organizational performance. This contribution is important in signaling a change in to focus not merely on the data infrastructure and/or technologies but in fact also on the analytical ones and within the context of alignment with senior leadership decision linkage, such that executive-focused HR analytics can have maximum impact on executive decision-making effectiveness.

Theoretical Implications related to the study

The theoretical implications of the study are manifold primarily extending the HR analytics literature into the realm of strategic decision-making by addressing the pervasive gap in research on how HR analytics maturity may enhance executive decision-making processes particularly in terms of alignment between HR and organizational strategy decision quality and uncertainty management an important organizational capability as reliance on data-driven decision-making continues to spread across organizations and executive decision-making contexts and proposing a conceptual framework that outlines how HR analytics maturity conceptualized as a multidimensional strategic capability encompassing specific facets of data quality analytical sophistication human analytical skills governance structures and strategic integration integrates HR analytics into theoretical work on SHRM a domain historically centered around alignment between HR practices and organizational strategy but has until this study failed to establish clear theoretical alignment with the evolving role of analytics which the study seeks to fill by discussing the importance of HR analytics as a strategic enabler of executive decision-making effectiveness particularly in terms of the ability for organizations to achieve alignment between HR practices and organizational strategic objectives while also improving outcomes in critical decision domains such as workforce planning talent management organizational agility and risk mitigation extending the SHRM framework by positing that HR analytics maturity represents not a simple information or operational toolset but a valuable,

strategic organizational capability one that is important to effective longitudinally driven executive decision making especially as organizations shift from intuition-driven to evidence-based management regarding organizational inputs outcomes and dyadic patterns of internal supply and demand particularly in contexts of uncertainty, as data-driven policies that rely on evidence-based HR practices strategic workforce insights and improved cognitive processing at the executive level become essential for success in decision domains where organizations demand robust capabilities that drive their organizational assets effectively pivots toward the utility HR analytics provides executives for getting to the best decision outcomes and further providing useful value for the organizational strategy as being driven by HR analytics maturity both as the organizational capability set that is important to decision-making structure for responding to long-term uncertainty in a data-rich world the distinctly acknowledges HR analytics maturity as not merely being a tool for processing information or HR function but a core strategic capability of the strategic HRM process especially when aligned thoughtfully with organizational contexts for executive decision-building activity; importantly, this theoretical contribution avails implications for research surrounding the mechanisms through which HR analytics maturity potentially drives executive decision-making, urging additional examination of the mediating factors the role of evidence-based HR practices the analytical competence of top executives the quality of interaction and cooperation between HR and executive leadership, and the initializing organizational culture of data that undergirds the strategic integration of HR analytics to better explain how HR analytics strategies likely drive strategic value and an impact at senior organizational levels and together suggest studies must explore the boundary conditions concerning when HR analytics maturity will yield superior results in strategic decisions carrying implications for both theoretical development in the field of SHRM and practical advice for executives and organizational leaders-as well as emphasis on the importance of the governance of HR analytics as well as the alignment of their integration with organizational strategy in such a way as to elevate their use luxurious the ultimate organizational competitive advantage in terms of value realization and impact thereby providing tangible theoretical policy-level guidance for practical organizational deeds aimed at improving the governance of HR analytics and ensuring the alignment of HR analytics for respective direction across organizational inputs in a manner that engenders the right elements of quality control in heuristic HR mapping of executive decision matters with implications for the development of these problems for the long run.

Practical Implications related to the study

This practical implication provides significant insights for executives and HR leaders on how to maximize the use of HR analytics to improve the effectiveness of strategic decisions and the long-term performance of their organizations, highlighting the need for a strategic approach to HR analytics that combines investments in data quality, analytical capabilities, and the human dimension of analytics to develop predictive and prescriptive insights that facilitate timely and aligned decisions aligned with long-term organizational goals in key areas such as workforce planning, talent management, organizational agility, and risk management, as well as emphasizing the critical role that HR leaders play in designing a comprehensive analytics roadmap that enables the integration of HR analytics into the strategic context of the organization and underlines the importance of not just digital technology and infrastructure but also a culture of data-driven decision-making and solid governance structures to support HR analytics for strategic reasons, arguing that executives must elevate their thinking about HR analytics relative to decision-making by considering factors beyond technology and data capabilities and acknowledging more broadly the organizational capacity — including governance structures, human skills, and strategic integration — that collectively embolden decision-making and the ability to manage uncertainty in a dynamic environment and also asserting that the strategic significance of HR analytics can only be harnessed when executives and HR leaders escape their dashboards loop and operational metrics layer to move further up the analytics maturity ladder focused on insights more than on data, which indeed have significant utility in critical aspects and decision-making processes of establishing long-term transformational companies thereby activating predictive and prescriptive analytics to drive an evidence-based approach to managing the workforce and organizational success positioning HR analytics as a vital engine of strategic decision-making in an increasingly data-driven business context and also urges HR executives and organizational leaders to invest in building the capacity of their people, the strength of their structures, and the collaterality of which will allow them to ensure that HR analytics become a fundamental part of the strategic decision-making processes of their organizations providing organizations with a route to derive lasting strategic value from HR analytics and sustainable competitive advantage in an increasingly dynamic business context.

IV.   Future Research Directions

Based on the findings, future research could also take multiple directions including empirical testing of the proposed framework to validate and refine the relationship between HR analytics maturity and strategic decision-making outcomes in diverse organizational settings; longitudinal studies to investigate the potential years-long evolution of analytics maturation and its implications for decision quality; cross-country and industry-

specific validation of whether the relationships in the framework are maintained across varying national and organizational contexts; as well as an examination of how AI can be integrated into the model, particularly as AI-driven technologies evolve and disrupt traditional approaches to HR analytics, with particular emphasis on exploring the implications of AI adoption for analytics quality, and ethical considerations of AI in executive decision-making to provide insights into appropriate use of AI in HR decision-making processes; finally, future studies should go beyond identifying the nuances of HR analytics impact in organizations and serve the critical role of guiding these organizations in pairing technologies and best practices with useful and practical recommendations on how they are best leveraged for strategic advantages, and organizational improvement.

V.   Limitations of the Conceptual Study

The main limitations of the conceptual study arise from the theoretical nature of the propositions, which lack empirical support, and therefore, the generalizability and practical applicability of the proposed integrated framework to different organizational settings is limited because the relationships between HR analytics maturity and executive decision-making effectiveness presented in the framework are based on hypothetical reasoning, and have not been empirically verified which leaves room for other variables in real-life scenarios, such as moderating factors or dynamics specific to the industry that could affect how analytics maturity impacts executive decision outcomes; furthermore the heavy dependence on literature review, while valuable in synthesizing prior research, also draws on a body of work that may introduce biases according to the selection of studies and theoretical perspectives, and the main perspectives suggested in the paper may not reflect the more recent developments or diverse applications of HR analytics in different industries and regions, and trends or fresh empirical findings that could offer a deeper or conflicting view of the conceptual framework are probably being overlooked, especially in the dynamically changing fields of AI-powered HR analytics or variable workforce models; likewise while the concepts within strategic human resource management (SHRM), evidence-based management and dynamic capabilities theory have been successfully integrated into the study, the fairly static nature of these key theoretical frameworks points to the limitations in practical value of the model for organizations attempting to directly apply them to their HR analytics strategies; in addition, and certainly not least, the very existence of certain contextual assumptions reflects further limitations in the conceptual model: that organizations have at least some level of data infrastructure and analytic capabilities needed to enact the framework as proposed, while it certainly may not hold true in the majority of organizations, the assumptions set forth from the original study imply that organizations have at least a certain level of analytics maturity to be able to take advantage of the proposed framework capabilities, which potentially reduces its implementation applicability to only those smaller or less mature organizations, and this means that not only the overwhelming amount of insights into the strategic value of HR analytics misses out on presenting how the different operational realities of organizations may undermine the utility of insights emerging from the framework, due to the supreme dependency on the mentioned conditions, particularly in sectors where HR analytics is underdeveloped or where senior leadership may not yet really recognize the strategic importance of analytics in decision-making, it also means that there can be some barriers organizations may face while integrating the framework into their processes that are not calculated in the model, such as resistance to change, lack of cross-functional collaboration or workforce littered with professionals and executives whose training was not at a level sufficient in advanced analytics techniques that are needed to affect and integrate HR analytics in the decision-making processes; lastly, the research departs from a focus on HR analytics maturity and its effect on the effectiveness of decision-making which inherently neglects accounting for the external context where the study does not consider factors outside the organizational set scale, such as for example market volatility, regulatory changes or economic crises that can shift priorities from investing in HR analytics development which all mean that future work may want to account for these external dynamics along with the internal capabilities like HR analytics maturity for a deeper knowledge of how HR analytics can help executive decision-making in varying external conditions and across the different organizational maturity levels to address the conceptual study limitations and determine more clearer options for both theoretical development and practical enactment of HR analytics.

VI.   Conclusion

In sum, the current study not only offers a deep dive into the nature of HR analytics maturity as an enabling strategic capability -- one that enables organizations to make better executive decisions by taking advantage of data-based functions like workforce planning, investment in talent, organizational agility, and risk management -- but also posits that HR analytics maturity represents more than an operational tool, but rather an organizational capability that facilitates executive transformation from an intuition-led, retrospective to a future-oriented, predictive and prescriptive decision-making -- a capability that is made possible by HR analytics maturity through its multi-dimensional nature, encompassing data quality, analytical sophistication, human analytical skill sets, governance structures, and strategic alignment, wherein the amalgamation and alignment of these elements serve to advance decision outcomes, such as decision quality, alignment to strategic intent,

timeliness, and the ability to manage uncertainty; the conceptual framework suggests that mediating constructs such as evidence-based HR practices, enhanced executive cognitive processing, and the quality of collaboration between the HR and senior leadership are critical in translating HR analytics maturity into higher strategic decisions while reaffirming the implied strategic value of HR analytics capability maturity, this paper therefore urges senior executives and HR leaders to move beyond analytics technologies and invest into the requisite organizational capabilities and the governance structure that enable effective analytics usage by the executives in decision-making -- succinctly arguing that organizations are incumbent to transcend past the basic dashboards and reporting tools and to entrench analytics deeper into the DNA of strategic decision-making processes in order to realize the analytics potential; this study further advocates for the need for evidence-based, analytics-enabled executive decision-making, beseeching for a change in corporate cultures towards become data-driven and more scientifically grounded in their decision-making processes with data and analytics as prime facilitators of superior organizational results, emphasizing as well as the importance of creating a culture supporting data and analytics at all levels within organizations; building analytical skills of HR professionals and top executives; and strategically embedding HR analytics in broader organizational decision-making processes; lastly, the research regards HR analytics maturity as a same source of sustained competitive advantage, and a source of value, warranting further research to empirically validate the proposed framework, explore its applicability across countries and industries, and the integration of AI technologies to augment HR analytics on its endeavor to actually avail various HR analytics functions to support effective executive decision-making for sustained organizational success.

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