Online Purchase Intention on Halal Cosmetic Products in Indonesia

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Abstract: The objective of this research is for finding the influence of online customer review and rating toward online purchase intention on halal cosmetic in Indonesia. This research also for finding the mediating role of trust on online customer review and rating toward online purchase intention this research is descriptive research which is used quantitative approach. This study uses questionnaire to collect data. The number of respondents in this study was 200 consumers of halal cosmetic in Indonesia taken by accidental sampling method. The data analysis used partial least square (PLS) analysis. The findings of this study are: (1) Online customer reviews have a positive and significant effect on trust; (2) Customer rating has a positive and significant effect on trust; (3) Trust has a positive and significant effect on purchase intention; (4) Trust has a mediating role on the influence of online customer reviews on purchase intention of halal cosmetic products; and (5) Trust mediates between customer rating on purchase intention of halal cosmetic product. The mediating effect of trust is partially mediated. This means that online customer review and customer rating has a positive and significant direct influence on online purchase intention without being mediated by trust.

Keywords: online customer review; customer rating; trust; purchase intention

1. Introduction

Internet development is more sophisticated and benefits many people, including the perpetrators ‘businesses in Indonesia. From the consumer’s point of view, the development of technology information has changed the aspects of people’s life, such as changes in consumer behavior. The behavior change can be seen in purchasing behavior, the transition from offline shopping to online shopping behavior. The actualization of this behavior change takes the form of product purchase decision. Meanwhile, from a business perspective, the development of technology information makes on online business grow fast, marked by many perpetrator businesses who use the internet as a marketing medium, such as to promote, interact, and customer relationship management.

Nowadays, in Indonesia, many sales, mainly cosmetics, are sold through e-commerce. Industry cosmetics in Indonesia have perfect potential, considering that Indonesia has a dynamic market in the Southeast Asia region.
2. Literature Review

2.1. Digital Marketing

Digital marketing is an evolution from the basic marketing concept. Digital marketing refers to the use of digital technology to make communication integrated, directed, and measurable, which helps acquire and retain customers while building deeper relationships with them (Wymbs, 2011). Digital marketing can also aim to reach target consumers by introducing a brand or service through digital (electronic) media. Tarigan & Sanjaya (2013) define digital marketing as a marketing activity, including branding that uses various web media such as blogs, websites, e-mail, AdWords, or social networks. According to Chaffey & Smith (2022), digital marketing is a core of e-business, if a company is closer to customers and better understanding, adding value to a product, expanding the supply chain, and increasing marketing activities.

Moreover, Kotler et al. (2017) defined that Digital marketing and social media are involved as marketing tools. For example, the seller promotes their product on websites, social media, mobile ads and applications, online videos, e-mail, blogs, and other digital platforms to reach consumers anywhere and anytime through computers, smartphones, tablets, TVs, and other digital devices. In this digital era, digital marketing is continued through an application, online shops and social media. Consumers can quickly look for new information or buy directly the product they want. From the description above, we can conclude that the crucial part of digital marketing is social media (Kotler & Keller, 2020). Social media is a tool for consumers to share text, image, audio, and video information with one another, the company and vice versa. Social media allow marketers to listen to consumers’ suggestions. Marketers could build or enter a community online, invite consumer participation and create long-term marketing assets. Through intense communication with marketers, consumers could push the company for permanent innovation and relevance.

2.2. Purchase Intention

The consumer will buy that product in the future. Kotler & Keller (2020) define intention is as a strong desire or internal stimulus that motivates a person’s actions. The desire is influenced by positive motivations and feelings about a product. Khan et al. (2012) stated that the purchase intention is defined as the intention of people to buy a specific brand...
Consumer trust is critical in online shopping and e-commerce because it provides consumers with a sense of comfort and security in areas such as privacy and quality products (Puspitasari & Briliana, 2018). After selecting and evaluating it, the consumer could measure purchase intention. For example, they are considering a brand to be purchased and expect to buy products from that brand in the future. (Simamora, 2011) states that consumer purchase intention about a product emerges because of trust in the product and the ability to buy the product. Besides, the consumer's purchase intention of the product can also occur with the influence of others' beliefs. Penitasari (2017) indicates that the suggestions given by consumers who have used the product through the provision of information about the product become one of the valuable evaluations for decision-making by potential consumers for the product (Liu, 2006). ISMIMI et al. (2020) explained that external influences, awareness of needs, product introduction, and evaluation of alternatives could lead to consumer purchase intentions. The external (input) influence consists of effort in marketing and socio-cultural factors. The company's marketing activities are a stimulus to obtain, inform, and convince consumers to buy and use the product. Purchase intention arises after evaluation process alternatives and in the evaluation process. According to Kotler et al. (2017), consumer purchase intention is consumer behavior in which consumers desire to buy or choose a product based on experience in choosing, using and consuming, or even wanting a product. According to Kotler & Keller (2020), consumers desire to buy a product based on a brand.

2.3. Online Customer Review (OCR)

Customers' feedback in e-commerce could be seen as an expression of satisfaction with the product. Because of that, they usually use a variable star or individual star rating to measure satisfaction with a particular product. We define rating as an assessment by users of a product's preference for their experience, referring to the psychological and emotional state they experienced when interacting with virtual products in a mediated environment (Li & Zhang, 2002). Rating products online has been researched from various perspectives, which can be classified according to whether they investigate antecedents or outcomes. The first category includes several studies examining the effects of online product ratings on customer purchasing decisions. In most of these studies, a significant positive impact was found (Engler et al., 2015), although it may diminish over time (Hu et al., 2008).

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2.5. Trust

Trust is a descriptive thought held by someone about something. (Sunyoto, 2018) states that a trust is an image of products and brands. A person's actions are based on his beliefs. If someone's faith in the product is not good, then that person will cancel to buy. So, at this time, producers should provide clarification so that consumer confidence in their products and brands increases for the better. According to Sirdeshmukh et al. (2002), trust is essential in business. A transactional relationship, a party must be confident that the other party can fulfill all of his commitments as expected and suitably; this is known as trust. Therefore, in the long-term connection between businesses and consumers, trust in sellers, products, and corporations is crucial (Awan et al., 2015). Elwalda & Lu, (2014) studied online customer reviews (OCR) on purchase intention, which is influenced by perceived usefulness, perceived ease of use, perceived enjoyment, and perceived trust and purchase intention. Furthermore, the study conducted by Farki & Baihaqi, (2016) analyzed the influence of customer reviews and ratings on purchase intentions. The model used in this research is adopted and modified from the study by Elwalda & Lu, (2014) and (Farki & Baihaqi, 2016). Based on both studies, the researcher did a modification, replication, and added variable research, with an explanation as follows:
1. Adding trust as a mediation variable that influences purchase intentions.
2. Analyze the mediation effect from trust between online customer reviews (OCR) and ratings on consumer purchase intention.

From the description above, the framework analysis study is depicted as follows:

![Research Framework](image)

**Figure 1. Research Framework**

### 3. Results and Discussion

#### 3.1. Results

To verify structural modeling, we conducted a feasibility test (inner model). This study also carry out hypothesis test used PLS. Significant or insignificant value indicated the influence between variables. In the structural path analysis, there is iteration bootstrapping which is to minimize the abnormality of research data (Abdillah & Hartono, 2015).

![Structural Model Bootstrapping Results](image)

**Figure 2. Structural Model Bootstrapping Results**

The results of hypothesis testing with the bootstrapping iteration method are shown in the output path coefficient, as shown in Table 1.
In this study, the t-table value is 1.96.

Consumer trust in online shopping. Online customer reviews help the consumer to know about the product, thus consumer trust. But, if consumers have experienced online shopping, then consumers will have self-control and consumer trust in the product will increase. Furthermore, if the estimated value is positive, there is increasing review about the product in e-commerce, which will be increasing positive online customer reviews about halal cosmetics, consumer trust in the product will increase. Additionally, if the product to be purchased has a lot of positive reviews, then people will believe in the product. However, if the product to be bought has many negative reviews, consumer trust in the product will decrease. Positive online customer reviews will affect consumer trust (Gefen et al., 2003; Pavlou, 2003).

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### 3.2.2. The Effect of Customer Rating (CR) On Trust

The results showed that customer ratings positively and significantly influence consumer trust. Customer rating on e-commerce platforms is usually represented by the 'star' symbol on product reviews purchased by a consumer on an e-commerce platform. It means that the higher the CR consumers give on the halal product cosmetics on the e-commerce platform, the higher the trust consumers have in intended products and e-commerce. Similar to previous research, OCR and CR are two mutual aspects that complete each other. Usually, the rating will be high if consumer reviews are positive. The positive estimation value on the rating indicates that the direction of the relationship or the influence of the rating on trust is positive. This condition will automatically increase the level of consumer trust. The effect of CR on trust occurs in the results because the participants are the people who have been shopping on online marketplace for sure or the same products and who already have trust in e-commerce.

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### 3.2. Discussion

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warranty. These research results supported by Abdulaziz Elwalda & Lu (2016) and Farki & Baihaqi (2016) that customer rating significantly affects trust when evaluating the online marketplace. So, after shopping, people will thoroughly rate the products they have bought, including the services provided by e-commerce.

3.2.3. The Influence of Trust on Purchase Intention

The results showed that trust positively and significantly affects purchase intention. It means that if the higher trust in consumer goods on product halal cosmetics or e-commerce platforms, the higher interest consumer for shop products on the e-commerce platform. The higher a person’s trust in something, the higher the possibility they will buy; this reflects the same result as previous studies that researched the effect of trust on purchase intention (Abdulaziz Elwalda & Lu, 2016; Gefen et al., 2003; Pavlou, 2003). This result supports the theories that have been existed and fit with the studies that have conducted before. The results confirmed that trust is the factor that influences purchase intention in e-commerce. When e-commerce is trusted, the possibility customer’s purchase is higher. In e-commerce, ‘trust’ is not only obtained based on online customer reviews and customer ratings because shopping in the online marketplace has a guarantee that all customers believe. Reviews and ratings no longer affect their trust. In addition, this study is devoted to those who have shopped online so that it is possible to affect these results. Factors that affect trust in the online marketplace will be done in further research.

3.2.4. Trust as Mediator Between Online Customer Review on Purchase Intention

The results show that trust has a role in influencing online customer reviews of consumers shopping (purchase intention) Halal Cosmetics online. Suppose OCR about products is more positive, so customer trust will increase and interest in buying them on e-commerce platforms. The mediating effect of consumer trust is partial mediation. It means OCR positively influences purchase intention even without trust. A possible explanation given from the results study is in practice, positive reviews impact the level of consumer trust, driving consumers to buy. Thus, a trust could be influenced by a customer review, either positive or negative. A positive review will increase trust, while a negative review could cause self-confusion among consumers. This result is similar to Abdulaziz Elwalda & Lu (2016), that trust could be hampered because of inconsistent answers, like a review with negative text with a positive rating value. Abdulaziz Elwalda & Lu (2016) provides evidence that the effect of positive and negative reviews in e-commerce causes customers to be confused. Consumers tend to buy the product that has the most positive reviews.

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Trust mediates the customer rating (CR) on the purchase intention of Halal Cosmetics online. This result means that a higher customer rating of the product will increase consumer trust and purchase intention of the product. The mediation effect of consumer trust is also partially mediation. It means customer ratings have a direct positive and significant impact on purchase intention with or without the aspect of trust. In sum, a customer will consider the rating in determining the level of consumer trust in a particular product or e-commerce. This will encourage consumers to buy. In e-commerce, the rating is not very clear because the rating only describes the assessment in an abstract or general way. Rating is different from online customer review that contains consumer opinions after buying and using a product. However, Consumers consider rating an easy tool to use and can increase their effectiveness in shopping. However, the rating has proven to affect purchase intentions significantly. It is because only some people have the time or want to read reviews. The main advantage of rating is trust. Ratings are perfect for consumers who do not have much consideration in making a purchasing decision. Because of trust, the users of e-commerce also more often give ratings than a review because the time required for giving a rating is not as much time required for giving reviews. These research results support the findings of Li & Zhang (2002) that positive customer rating influences customer behavior, as well as the findings by Abdulaziz Elwalda & Lu (2016) that the customer rating (CR) is the main element that directly affects consumer trust and impacts purchase intention in e-commerce. The simpler the rating system in e-commerce, the easier it is for consumers to compare product in one store with other stores.

4. Conclusions

This study concludes that online customer reviews have a positive and significant effect on consumers' trust. Customer rating has a positive and significant effect on consumer trust. Trust positively and significantly affects consumer intention to shop (purchase intention). Trust has a mediating role in the influence of online customer reviews on consumer intentions to shop (purchase intention) for Halal cosmetic products online. Also, Trust has a mediating role in influencing customer rating (CR) on consumer intentions to shop (purchase intention) for Halal cosmetic products online. Future study suggested to: For online marketplaces, they should continue encouraging their customers to provide reviews and ratings on products sold online and their e-commerce platform services. This can be an evaluation to increase the trust and attractiveness of consumers to continue shopping on the online marketplace. Online
marketplaces must foster sellers who are members of their online marketplaces to provide and maintain consumer trust. The online marketplace must also filter out who can sell on their website so that later it doesn't damage the online marketplace's image and destroy consumer/customer trust. The online marketplace must also be able to counter fake accounts that fill out reviews and ratings for certain products to boost their popularity, but it does not match what was said. What can be done is to provide a clear and authentic profile of the person who gave a review or rating.

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