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Abstract: This qualitative research explores the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) within the e-commerce sector. SRM is critical for e-commerce platforms to maintain efficient supply chains, optimize supplier interactions, and ensure competitive advantage in a dynamic marketplace. AI technologies offer advanced capabilities such as predictive analytics, machine learning algorithms, and natural language processing, which revolutionize traditional SRM practices by enhancing decision-making accuracy, mitigating supply chain risks, and fostering personalized supplier relationships. Through semi-structured interviews with 20 e-commerce professionals and industry experts, this study investigates AI's impact on supplier selection, operational efficiencies, and strategic supplier relationships. Findings highlight AI's ability to streamline supplier evaluation processes, improve demand forecasting accuracy, and optimize inventory management strategies. AI also facilitates personalized supplier engagement through sentiment analysis and real-time insights, promoting collaboration and trust. Ethical considerations, including algorithmic bias and data privacy, emerge as significant concerns in AI adoption for SRM. Addressing these challenges is crucial to maintaining stakeholder trust and ensuring responsible AI deployment. Furthermore, technological integration barriers and organizational readiness are identified as critical factors influencing successful AI implementation. Looking forward, the study underscores the potential of AI to drive innovation and competitiveness in e-commerce SRM, emphasizing the importance of ethical AI practices, technological infrastructure investments, and organizational preparedness for sustainable growth.

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1. Introduction

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into various facets of business operations has revolutionized industries globally, with e-commerce being no exception. In the realm of Supplier Relationship Management (SRM), AI technologies offer profound opportunities to enhance efficiency, improve decision-making, and streamline processes. E-commerce platforms rely heavily on effective SRM to ensure seamless supply chain operations, timely product deliveries, and competitive advantage in the market. As AI continues to advance, its application in SRM has expanded beyond traditional methods, leveraging big data analytics, machine learning algorithms, and predictive modeling to optimize supplier interactions and strategic decision-making. The landscape of e-commerce has evolved rapidly, driven by technological advancements and changing consumer behaviors. Today's e-commerce platforms face complex challenges, including managing diverse supplier networks, maintaining product quality, and meeting dynamic consumer demands. Traditional SRM approaches often struggle to keep pace with these challenges, leading businesses to explore AI-driven solutions for more agile and responsive supply chain management. AI offers capabilities such as real-time data analysis, forecasting demand patterns, and automating routine tasks, which are crucial for e-commerce platforms aiming to achieve operational excellence and

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sustainable growth. The role of AI in SRM extends beyond operational efficiencies to strategic insights and competitive differentiation. By analyzing vast amounts of data generated from supplier interactions, market trends, and consumer preferences, AI enables e-commerce platforms to make informed decisions that drive profitability and customer satisfaction. For instance, AI-powered predictive analytics can anticipate changes in demand, enabling proactive supplier management strategies that minimize stockouts and inventory costs. Moreover, AI facilitates personalized supplier engagement strategies, enhancing collaboration and fostering long-term relationships that are essential for sustained business success in the competitive e-commerce landscape. Recent advancements in AI technology have democratized access to sophisticated tools that were once exclusive to large enterprises. Small and medium-sized e-commerce businesses can now harness AI-driven SRM solutions to level the playing field and compete effectively with industry giants. This democratization not only enhances market dynamics but also encourages innovation and fosters a climate where agile, data-driven decision-making becomes the norm rather than the exception. As AI continues to evolve, its potential to transform SRM in e-commerce remains a focal point of research and development efforts aimed at optimizing supply chain efficiency and resilience. The ethical implications of AI adoption in SRM cannot be overlooked. While AI promises significant benefits, including cost savings, enhanced productivity, and improved decision-making, it also raises concerns about job displacement, data privacy, and algorithmic bias. Addressing these ethical considerations requires a balanced approach that prioritizes transparency, accountability, and stakeholder engagement. E-commerce platforms must navigate these challenges thoughtfully to build trust among suppliers, customers, and regulatory bodies while maximizing the potential of AI to drive sustainable growth and innovation. The integration of AI into SRM represents a transformative shift for e-commerce platforms seeking to navigate increasingly complex supply chain landscapes. By leveraging AI technologies, businesses can enhance operational efficiency, optimize supplier relationships, and capitalize on emerging market opportunities. However, realizing the full potential of AI in SRM requires strategic planning, ongoing investment in technology infrastructure, and a commitment to ethical practices that prioritize fairness and accountability. As AI continues to evolve, its impact on SRM in e-commerce will undoubtedly shape the future of supply chain management and redefine industry standards for years to come.

2. Literature Review

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) within the e-commerce sector has garnered significant attention in recent years, reflecting a broader trend towards digital transformation in supply chain management. AI's application in SRM encompasses a range of technologies and methodologies aimed at enhancing supplier selection, performance evaluation, and relationship nurturing, thereby optimizing supply chain operations and driving competitive advantage in the dynamic e-commerce landscape. AI technologies have revolutionized supplier selection processes by leveraging advanced analytics and machine learning algorithms to identify and onboard suppliers that best align with organizational goals and operational requirements. Traditionally, supplier selection relied on manual assessments and historical performance data, which could be time-consuming and subjective. However, AI enables e-commerce platforms to analyze vast datasets in real-time, evaluate supplier capabilities based on predefined criteria, and predict supplier performance with greater accuracy (Gupta & George, 2023). This predictive capability is crucial for mitigating supply chain risks and ensuring continuity in product availability, especially in volatile market conditions (Chowdhury & Rahman, 2023). Moreover, AI-driven predictive analytics play a pivotal role in forecasting demand patterns and optimizing inventory management strategies (Chowdhury & Khan, 2022). By analyzing historical sales data, consumer behavior trends, and external factors such as market dynamics and economic indicators (Emon, 2023), AI systems can generate accurate demand forecasts that minimize stockouts, reduce carrying costs, and enhance overall supply chain efficiency. This proactive approach not only improves operational performance but also enhances customer satisfaction by ensuring timely delivery of products (Rahman & Emon, 2024). In addition to enhancing operational efficiencies, AI

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facilitates personalized supplier relationship management strategies that strengthen collaborative partnerships and foster long-term sustainability. Through sentiment analysis and natural language processing (NLP) techniques, AI systems can analyze communication patterns, identify sentiment trends, and gauge supplier satisfaction levels (Khan et al., 2024). This insights-driven approach enables e-commerce platforms to tailor engagement strategies, address potential issues proactively, and nurture mutually beneficial relationships with suppliers (Emon & Chowdhury, 2024). Furthermore, AI technologies contribute to the automation of routine SRM tasks, freeing up valuable human resources to focus on strategic initiatives and value-added activities. Tasks such as order processing, invoice reconciliation, and contract management can be automated through AI-powered systems, reducing manual errors and improving process efficiency (Gupta & Emon, 2022). This automation not only accelerates workflow cycles but also enhances scalability, enabling e-commerce platforms to manage larger supplier networks and accommodate business growth without proportional increases in administrative overhead (Khan et al., 2020). Despite the transformative potential of AI in SRM, its adoption in e-commerce is not without challenges. One significant barrier is the integration of AI technologies with existing IT infrastructures and legacy systems. Many e-commerce platforms operate on heterogeneous IT environments that may lack interoperability, making it difficult to deploy AI solutions seamlessly (Khan et al., 2019). Additionally, concerns related to data privacy, cybersecurity, and regulatory compliance pose significant challenges to the widespread adoption of AI in SRM (Emon et al., 2024). Ensuring robust data governance frameworks and implementing stringent security protocols are essential to mitigating these risks and building trust among stakeholders (Gupta & Rahman, 2023). Moreover, the ethical implications of AI adoption in SRM necessitate careful consideration. Issues such as algorithmic bias, fairness in decision-making, and the ethical use of AI-generated insights require proactive measures to safeguard against unintended consequences (Khan et al., 2024). E-commerce platforms must prioritize ethical AI practices, promote transparency in AI algorithms, and engage stakeholders in discussions about responsible AI deployment (Chowdhury & Emon, 2022). By addressing these ethical concerns, businesses can enhance trust, foster innovation, and uphold ethical standards in their AI-driven SRM strategies. The literature underscores the transformative impact of AI on Supplier Relationship Management in e-commerce, offering significant opportunities to optimize supply chain operations, enhance supplier collaboration, and drive competitive advantage. Through advanced analytics, machine learning, and automation, AI empowers e-commerce platforms to achieve operational excellence, mitigate risks, and capitalize on emerging market opportunities. However, realizing the full potential of AI in SRM requires overcoming technological barriers, addressing ethical considerations, and navigating regulatory challenges. By embracing AI-driven innovation responsibly, e-commerce platforms can pave the way for sustainable growth and resilience in an increasingly digital and interconnected global marketplace

3. Materials and Method

This study employed a qualitative research approach to explore the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) within the context of e-commerce. Qualitative methods were deemed appropriate for this research to gain deeper insights into the perceptions, experiences, and practices surrounding AI adoption in SRM from the perspectives of e-commerce professionals and industry experts. The research design focused on conducting semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders involved in SRM within e-commerce platforms. Participants were selected using purposive sampling techniques to ensure representation from diverse organizational roles and experiences relevant to AI-driven SRM. Data collection commenced with the identification and recruitment of participants through professional networks, industry associations, and referrals. A total of 20 interviews were conducted, each lasting approximately 45-60 minutes, to allow for in-depth discussions and exploration of nuanced themes related to AI's impact on SRM. Interviews were conducted either in person or virtually, based on participant preference and logistical feasibility. Prior to each interview, informed consent was obtained from participants, emphasizing confidentiality and voluntary participation. The semi-structured interview format enabled flexibility

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in probing participants' perspectives on various aspects of AI in SRM, including its perceived benefits, challenges, ethical considerations, and strategic implications for supply chain management in e-commerce. Interview questions were designed to elicit rich qualitative data, focusing on themes such as the integration of AI technologies, decision-making processes, supplier collaboration strategies, and organizational readiness for AI adoption. Probing questions and follow-up inquiries were used to clarify responses, explore diverse viewpoints, and uncover underlying motivations and perceptions related to AI-driven SRM practices. Data analysis followed a systematic approach, beginning with transcription of interview recordings and meticulous verbatim coding of qualitative data. Initial codes were derived from recurring themes and patterns identified across interviews, followed by iterative categorization and thematic analysis to develop broader themes and theoretical insights (Braun & Clarke, 2021). This iterative process involved constant comparison of data segments to refine emerging themes and ensure robustness in capturing the complexity and diversity of perspectives regarding AI's role in SRM. Trustworthiness and validity of findings were ensured through triangulation of data sources, member checking with select participants to validate interpretations, and peer debriefing among research team members to discuss emerging themes and interpretations. Reflexivity was maintained throughout the research process to acknowledge and mitigate potential biases, ensuring transparency and rigor in data interpretation and reporting. The qualitative nature of the study provided a nuanced understanding of AI's impact on SRM within e-commerce, offering valuable insights into organizational practices, strategic decision-making, and future directions for AI adoption in supply chain management contexts.

4. Results and Findings

The qualitative research yielded rich insights into the integration and impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) within the e-commerce sector. Across the 20 semi-structured interviews conducted with e-commerce professionals and industry experts, several key themes emerged regarding the role of AI in transforming SRM practices and strategies. Firstly, AI was unanimously recognized for its transformative potential in enhancing supplier selection processes. Participants highlighted AI's ability to analyze vast datasets and predict supplier performance metrics with greater accuracy compared to traditional methods. This predictive capability was viewed as instrumental in mitigating risks associated with supplier variability and market uncertainties, thereby ensuring continuity in product availability and supply chain resilience. Participants emphasized that AI-driven supplier selection algorithms not only streamline decision-making processes but also enable e-commerce platforms to onboard suppliers that align closely with strategic objectives and operational requirements. Secondly, AI's impact on optimizing supply chain operations through advanced analytics and predictive modeling was a recurring theme. Participants noted that AI-enabled demand forecasting and inventory management systems have revolutionized how e-commerce platforms anticipate consumer demand, manage stock levels, and optimize inventory turnover rates. By leveraging historical sales data, market trends, and external factors, AI systems can generate accurate demand forecasts in real-time, facilitating proactive decision-making and minimizing stockouts. This capability was perceived as critical for enhancing operational efficiency, reducing carrying costs, and improving overall supply chain responsiveness to fluctuating market demands. Moreover, participants highlighted the role of AI in fostering personalized supplier relationship management strategies. Through sentiment analysis and natural language processing (NLP) techniques, AI tools can analyze communication patterns, gauge supplier sentiment, and identify potential issues or opportunities for collaboration. This insights-driven approach allows e-commerce platforms to tailor communication strategies, address supplier concerns promptly, and cultivate mutually beneficial relationships based on trust and transparency. Participants emphasized that AI facilitates proactive supplier engagement, enabling e-commerce platforms to nurture long-term partnerships that drive innovation and enhance supply chain agility. Ethical considerations surrounding AI adoption in SRM emerged as a significant area of concern among participants. Issues such as algorithmic bias, fairness in decision-making, and the ethical use of AI-generated insights were prominently discussed. Participants underscored the importance of implementing robust data

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governance frameworks and ethical AI practices to mitigate biases and uphold transparency in AI-driven decision-making processes. Moreover, the need for continuous monitoring and evaluation of AI algorithms to ensure fairness and accountability was emphasized as essential for maintaining trust among stakeholders and safeguarding against unintended consequences. Challenges related to the integration of AI technologies with existing IT infrastructures and legacy systems were also highlighted by participants. Many e-commerce platforms face complexities in aligning AI solutions with heterogeneous IT environments, which may hinder seamless deployment and integration. Participants noted the importance of investing in scalable AI infrastructure, interoperable systems, and cross-functional collaboration to overcome technological barriers and maximize the value of AI in SRM. Additionally, concerns regarding data privacy, cybersecurity, and regulatory compliance were identified as critical considerations in the adoption and implementation of AI-driven SRM solutions. The study also shed light on organizational readiness and cultural factors influencing AI adoption in SRM. Participants emphasized the importance of leadership commitment, change management strategies, and workforce upskilling initiatives to foster a culture of innovation and embrace AI technologies effectively. Organizational resistance to change, fear of job displacement, and the need for stakeholder buy-in were identified as potential barriers that require proactive management and strategic communication to mitigate. Overall, the findings underscored AI's transformative impact on SRM within the e-commerce sector, offering significant opportunities to enhance supply chain efficiency, optimize supplier relationships, and drive competitive advantage. However, realizing the full potential of AI in SRM requires addressing technological, ethical, and organizational challenges while prioritizing transparency, accountability, and responsible AI deployment practices. As e-commerce continues to evolve in an increasingly digital landscape, the integration of AI into SRM represents a paradigm shift towards more agile, data-driven supply chain management strategies that are poised to shape the future of the industry.

Table 1. Impact of AI on Supplier Selection.

Theme	**Description**
Enhanced Decision-making	AI improves the accuracy and speed of supplier selection by analyzing extensive data sets and predicting supplier performance metrics.
Risk Mitigation	Participants highlighted AI's role in mitigating risks associated with supplier variability and market uncertainties, ensuring continuity in product availability.
Strategic Alignment	AI enables e-commerce platforms to align supplier selection closely with strategic objectives and operational requirements, enhancing overall supply chain resilience.

The thematic analysis reveals that AI significantly enhances supplier selection processes in e-commerce by improving decision-making through predictive analytics. It not only mitigates risks but also aligns supplier choices strategically, supporting supply chain resilience and operational efficiency.

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Table 2. Optimization of Supply Chain Operations.

Theme	**Description**
Demand Forecasting	AI-driven demand forecasting models enable real-time analysis of consumer trends and market dynamics, optimizing inventory management and reducing stockouts.
Operational Efficiency	Participants noted that AI enhances operational efficiency by streamlining supply chain processes, improving inventory turnover rates, and minimizing carrying costs.
Responsiveness to Market	AI's predictive capabilities allow e-commerce platforms to respond promptly to changes in market demands, ensuring timely product delivery and customer satisfaction.

The findings illustrate that AI optimizes supply chain operations by facilitating accurate demand forecasts, enhancing efficiency, and enabling proactive responsiveness to market fluctuations, thus supporting operational agility and customer-centric strategies.

Table 3. Personalized Supplier Relationship Management.

Theme	**Description**
Sentiment Analysis	AI-powered sentiment analysis and NLP techniques help e-commerce platforms gauge supplier sentiment, identify issues, and tailor communication strategies accordingly.
Collaboration Enhancement	Participants highlighted AI's role in fostering collaborative supplier relationships through personalized engagement strategies based on real-time insights and feedback.
Trust and Transparency	AI facilitates proactive supplier management, promoting trust and transparency in relationships through data-driven decision-making and effective communication.

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The thematic analysis demonstrates that AI enhances supplier relationship management by enabling personalized engagement, fostering collaboration, and promoting trust through data-driven insights and transparent communication strategies.

Table 4. Ethical Considerations in AI Adoption.

Theme	**Description**
Algorithmic Bias	Concerns were raised about potential biases in AI algorithms and the need for fairness in decision-making processes to mitigate unintended consequences.
Data Governance	Participants emphasized the importance of robust data governance frameworks and ethical AI practices to uphold data privacy, cybersecurity, and regulatory compliance standards.
Transparency and Accountability	The study highlighted the critical role of transparency and accountability in AI adoption, ensuring ethical use of AI-generated insights and maintaining stakeholder trust.

The analysis reveals that addressing ethical considerations such as algorithmic bias, data governance, and transparency is crucial in fostering responsible AI adoption in e-commerce, promoting fairness, and maintaining regulatory compliance.

Table 5. Technological Integration Challenges.

Theme	**Description**
IT Infrastructure	Participants identified challenges related to integrating AI technologies with existing IT infrastructures and legacy systems, hindering seamless deployment and interoperability.
Scalability	The study emphasized the importance of scalable AI infrastructure and interoperable systems to support e-commerce growth and maximize the value of AI in supply chain management.

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Cross-functional Collaboration	Challenges related to cross-functional collaboration and alignment across organizational departments were noted as critical in overcoming technological integration barriers.

The thematic analysis underscores the importance of addressing technological integration challenges such as IT infrastructure, scalability, and cross-functional collaboration to optimize AI deployment in e-commerce, supporting sustainable growth and operational efficiency.

Table 6. Organizational Readiness and Cultural Factors.

Theme	**Description**
Leadership Commitment	The study highlighted the role of leadership commitment in fostering a culture of innovation and supporting AI adoption initiatives within e-commerce organizations.
Change Management	Participants emphasized the importance of change management strategies and workforce upskilling initiatives to mitigate resistance to AI adoption and drive organizational readiness.
Stakeholder Buy-in	The findings underscored the need for stakeholder buy-in and effective communication strategies to align organizational goals with AI-driven transformation initiatives in e-commerce.

The thematic analysis suggests that organizational readiness and cultural factors, including leadership commitment, change management, and stakeholder engagement, are critical in successfully integrating AI into e-commerce operations, promoting innovation, and achieving strategic alignment.

The qualitative research on the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) within e-commerce revealed several key insights. AI significantly enhances supplier selection processes by improving decision-making through predictive analytics, thereby mitigating risks and strategically aligning supplier choices with organizational objectives. Moreover, AI optimizes supply chain operations by enabling accurate demand forecasting, enhancing operational efficiency, and facilitating responsive strategies to market dynamics, which collectively support agility and customer satisfaction. In terms of supplier relationship management, AI facilitates personalized engagement strategies through sentiment analysis and natural language processing (NLP), enhancing collaboration and fostering trust and transparency in supplier relationships. However, ethical considerations such as algorithmic bias and data governance emerged as critical concerns, necessitating robust frameworks for fairness, accountability, and regulatory compliance in AI adoption. Technological integration challenges, including IT infrastructure complexities and scalability issues, were identified as barriers to seamless AI deployment in e-commerce SRM. Addressing these challenges requires investment in scalable AI

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infrastructure and fostering cross-functional collaboration to optimize integration and maximize AI's value in supply chain management. Organizational readiness and cultural factors play pivotal roles in successful AI adoption, with leadership commitment, change management strategies, and stakeholder buy-in identified as essential drivers for fostering a culture of innovation and overcoming resistance to change. Overall, the findings underscore AI's transformative potential in enhancing SRM practices within e-commerce, while highlighting the importance of addressing ethical, technological, and organizational challenges to realize its full benefits.

5. Discussion

The findings from this qualitative research underscore the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) within the e-commerce sector. AI's ability to enhance supplier selection processes through predictive analytics and data-driven decision-making represents a significant advancement in optimizing supply chain operations. By improving accuracy in supplier evaluations and mitigating risks associated with supplier variability, AI enables e-commerce platforms to align supplier choices more closely with strategic objectives and operational needs. This strategic alignment not only strengthens supply chain resilience but also supports agility in responding to market fluctuations and customer demands, thereby enhancing overall operational efficiency. Moreover, AI-driven advancements in demand forecasting and inventory management are pivotal in improving supply chain responsiveness and efficiency. The ability to predict demand patterns in real-time and optimize inventory levels minimizes stockouts, reduces carrying costs, and enhances supply chain agility. This proactive approach not only improves operational performance but also contributes to customer satisfaction by ensuring timely product availability. These findings highlight AI's role not just in streamlining operational processes but also in fostering competitive advantage through enhanced service delivery and customer-centric strategies. In terms of supplier relationship management, AI facilitates personalized engagement strategies that enhance collaboration, trust, and transparency with suppliers. By leveraging sentiment analysis and natural language processing (NLP) techniques, e-commerce platforms can tailor communication and interaction strategies based on real-time insights into supplier sentiment and preferences. This personalized approach not only strengthens supplier partnerships but also fosters innovation and continuous improvement in supply chain relationships. However, the discussion also acknowledges the ethical implications of AI adoption, including concerns about algorithmic bias, data privacy, and the responsible use of AI-generated insights. Addressing these ethical considerations is crucial to building trust among stakeholders and ensuring the ethical deployment of AI technologies in SRM. Furthermore, the study identifies technological integration challenges, such as IT infrastructure complexities and scalability issues, as significant barriers to effective AI deployment in e-commerce SRM. Overcoming these challenges requires strategic investments in scalable AI infrastructure, interoperable systems, and cross-functional collaboration across organizational departments. Additionally, organizational readiness and cultural factors emerge as critical determinants of successful AI adoption. Leadership commitment, change management strategies, and stakeholder engagement are essential in fostering a supportive organizational culture that embraces innovation and effectively integrates AI into existing workflows and practices. Overall, while AI holds immense promise in revolutionizing SRM practices within e-commerce, the discussion emphasizes the need for a balanced approach that addresses technological, ethical, and organizational challenges. By leveraging AI's capabilities to enhance decision-making, optimize operations, and foster collaborative supplier relationships, e-commerce platforms can position themselves competitively in the evolving digital marketplace. Moving forward, continued research and proactive measures in addressing ethical concerns and technological barriers will be essential to unlocking AI's full potential in transforming SRM and driving sustainable growth in e-commerce.

6. Conclusion

This qualitative research has provided valuable insights into the evolving role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) for e-commerce. The findings highlight

AI's transformative impact on enhancing supplier selection processes, optimizing supply chain operations, and fostering personalized supplier relationships. AI's ability to leverage advanced analytics, predictive modeling, and natural language processing has enabled e-commerce platforms to make more informed decisions, mitigate risks, and improve overall operational efficiency. These advancements not only streamline supply chain processes but also enhance responsiveness to market dynamics and customer demands, ultimately driving competitive advantage. However, the adoption of AI in SRM comes with significant considerations, particularly around ethical implications such as algorithmic bias, data privacy, and the responsible use of AI-generated insights. Addressing these ethical concerns is critical to building trust among stakeholders and ensuring the ethical deployment of AI technologies in e-commerce SRM. Moreover, technological integration challenges and organizational readiness are key factors that influence the successful implementation of AI in e-commerce operations. Strategic investments in scalable AI infrastructure, cross-functional collaboration, and leadership commitment are essential to overcoming these barriers and maximizing the benefits of AI in SRM. Looking ahead, the future of AI in SRM holds promise for continued innovation and growth in e-commerce. As AI technologies continue to evolve, there is an opportunity for e-commerce platforms to further optimize supply chain efficiencies, enhance customer experiences, and drive sustainable business growth. However, achieving these outcomes will require ongoing research, collaboration across industries, and a commitment to ethical AI practices that prioritize fairness, transparency, and accountability. By navigating these challenges thoughtfully, e-commerce platforms can harness the full potential of AI to redefine SRM practices and maintain competitive leadership in the digital economy.

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