**Cover letter**

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Dear Editor,

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Please find a research paper having title “A study of challenges and benefits of Lean Construction Principles in Omani construction industry”. Authors of the paper are Dr Raj Shah, Khalifa Al Shereiqi and Dr Fiona Borthwick, School of civil engineering and Built Environment, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, UK and Corresponding author is Dr Raj Shah and email address is [r.shah@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:r.shah@ljmu.ac.uk).

The paper is based on exploratory research method, where a comprehensive review of literature and a questionnaire survey was directed to study the challenges and barriers of applying lean construction principles to construction industry in case of Oman. The paper presents the survey findings in tables and charts followed by critical discussion.The majority of construction professionals agreed that the reduction in project delivery time, construction waste and improve productivity are the key advantage of implementing LC principles. The study provide in depth understanding about the benefits and barriers of lean construction when applying in construction industry in developing country. Finally the outcomes of the paper is worthy for publication and provide a useful source for future researchers and construction professionals. Your approval for publication in the said Journal at earliest possible is highly appreciated.

Kind Regards

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