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### The effect of physical distribution service quality on customer perceived value in Omni-channel

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#### Abstract

Physical distribution service quality plays a key role in supply chain management. A successful distribution system will bring high values and profit for company. Through physical distribution service activities, a company can bring good perceived values to customers. Especially, with the development of modern channels, customers have more choices in the buying process. Omni-channel is a modern type of distribution which is used by many companies to access customers more effectively. This research is about the effects of physical distribution service on customer perceived values using Omni-channel. Questionnaires were issued to 200 customers who have experiences in using an Omni-channel to buy products. The results show how customers perceive about physical distribution service quality of companies applied Omni-channel in their supply chain.

*Keywords:* Physical Distribution Service Quality (PDSQ); physical distribution; supply chain management; Customer Perceived Value (CPV); Omni-channel

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#### 1. Introduction

Physical distribution is the set of activities which support the flow of finished goods from an organization to the consumer. Physical distribution consists of six major functions: transportation, storage and deposit, assembling and processing, material handling, packaging and wrapping, and information chain (Hernández, Garcia, & Hernández, 2012). Through such activities, the company provides values to customers; they are availability, timeline, condition, flexibility and so on. These values are defined as physical distribution service quality components. Physical distribution service quality (PDSQ) also contributes significantly to the success of supply chain, in general and retail supply chain, in particular. Moreover, the development of different business channels helps consumers have more choices and comforts as well as creates means for companies to get access to consumers. Some modern channels are developed nowadays as multi-channel, Omni-channel. However, this makes the supply chain become more complicated to handle. With the development of Omni-channel, whether companies can run their business in both traditional and modern channels or not. What are the effects of physical distribution service quality on customer perceived value in Omni-channel? The answers of these questions are the objectives of this research.

#### 2. Literature review

#### 2.1 Omni-channel concept

The Omni-channel is one of the advances of business models in both practice and theories (Bell & Gallino, 2003). Along with the development of traditional and online stores, new modern selling methods have changed the customer buying habits (Juaneda-Ayensa, Mosquera, & Sierra Murillo, 2016). Although "the term Omni-channel first appeared six years ago" (Rigby, 2011), the concepts of multi-, cross-, and Omni-channel seem to be easily misunderstood (Beck & Rygl, 2015; Klaus, 2013), because they also involve in the participation of many members in distribution channels. However, in comparison with multi-channel which operates independently, Omni-channel integrates many channels (traditional and e-commerce) in the same transaction process (Piotrowicz & Cuthbertson, 2014). Information about customers' buying process will be stored, so that customers can continuously finish their orders whenever they want in Omni-channel (Piotrowicz & Cuthbertson, 2014). Moreover, Omni-channel distribution helps customers complete a purchase and receive orders from any channel they choose. For example, customers can buy products online or in a physical store in the same retail chain and decide delivery methods that they expect. When they want to return products, the process will take place similarly (Banker & Cooke, 2013). Omni-channel retailing integrates various channels in store, on the web, and on mobile devices. Customers can easily compare different offers before making decision on where and how to buy something. If a company does not have modern distribution, it can lose customers by competitors.

#### 2.2 Physical distribution concept

The concept of physical distribution is discussed by many authors in the world. They realize that a successful physical distribution will be the strength for a company. If a company operates functions in physical distribution efficiently, it will increase profit and gain customers' loyalty. According to Alan, John, and Phil (2010), some typical physical distribution activities are: storage, warehousing and materials handling; transport inventory; information and control; packaging and unitization; location of warehouses number and size of distribution depots type of storage materials handling equipment; unit load protective packaging handling

systems; design of systems control procedures forecasting; what to stock where to stock how much to stock; mode of transport type of delivery operation load planning route schedule. Council of Logistics Management (CLM) defines physical distribution management as "the systemic, strategic coordination of the traditional business functions and tactics across these businesses functions within a particular organization and across businesses within the supply chain for the purposes of improving the long-term performance of the individual organizations and the supply chain as a whole".

#### 2.3 Physical distribution service quality (PDSQ) on customer' perspective

In an early survey of factors which affect industrial buying decisions, Klass (1961) insisted the importance of product factors such as: product quality, delivery performance, quality of salesperson, price, and effective communication. By 1965, the definition of Physical Distribution Service (PDS) could bring new sales opportunities. Stewart (1965) suggested some methods to increase sales volume from 1) minimizing stock-out risks, 2) increasing competitive advantage with shorter customer order cycles, and 3) decreasing prices through effective distribution management.

Rakowski (1982) has proposed different approaches to customer' benefits brought by PDS. Rakowski separates objective measures (speed, availability, accuracy, consistency and product performance) from subjective measures of customers (convenient, flexible, personal attention and information). Although performance measures can be measured more easily by sales, but customer expectations and perceptions are not simple to explain. Coyle (2013) defines: "Customer service is anything that touches the customers. This includes all activities that impact information flow, product flow, and cash flow between the organization and its customers." Alan et al. (2010) supplement Coyle' viewpoint that customers are only interested in results related to their order, their time and psychic energy wasted in seeking a product or service. He suggested that the components related to customer service that physical distribution should satisfy are: product availability, timeliness, flexibility and quality.

Perreault and Russ (1976) maintained that the understanding of physical distribution services from the customer point of view is an important factor in management decisions. Zeithaml (1988) had a similar viewpoint on the concept of perceived quality: "Perceived quality is defined as consumers' judgment about superiority or excellence". While, Mentzer, Gomes, and Krapfel (1989) studied the physical distribution literature to build the model of PDSQ and created a set of items that could act as indicators of PDSQ model. These factors are timeliness, ability, and quality. Quality, in this sense, refers to the form and condition of the delivered order, the status of the delivered products. In short, based on the role of physical distribution services, Mentzer, Gomes, and Krapfel (1989) developed measurement tool on PDSQ that seems to be the dimensions of timeliness, availability and condition.

In 2002, Carol and Lindquist (2002) wrote an article named "e-shopping in a multi-channel environment". They referred an important factor which brings service value to customer that is convenience. Convenience is a critical benefit that e-commerce brings to its customers. Several types of convenience can be considered throughout the shopping process. For instance, products that are easy to reach means "access convenience", while products that are easy to find and to compare shows "search convenience". "Possession convenience" happens when products are easy to get, while acceptance of purchase and return proves shoppers to have "transaction convenience". Meanwhile, "time convenience" is reflected by quickness and without delays of shoppers. Shopping close to home, home delivery and shopping through non-store methods at home mean "place convenience". E-shopping can be fit into one's schedule, and can be started, paused, and resumed when interruptions occur. In addition, search engines enable customers to look for specific product categories, prices, information, and evaluations by experts and users, indicating "search convenience". At the same time, "comparison convenience" permits the e-shopper to take consideration before deciding. As e-shopping can be done at anywhere, it also contributes "energy convenience". Since travel to the store is not required, and all comparisons can be carried out online, customers save the mental and physical energy to look for and evaluate

alternative choices.

This research selects components of physical distribution on customer views from models suggested by Mentzer, Gomes, and Krapfel (1989), Rushtone, Oxley, and Croucher (2010) and Carol and Lindquist (2002) to develop a research model. They are: product availability, timeliness, condition, flexibility and convenience.

#### 2.4 Value for customers and customers perceived value

Value for customers - Philip Kotler emphasizes that customers will choose to buy the goods which they can get the highest value (called value for customers). If the product or service meets customers' needs, they will be loyal. Consequently, they will buy more and repeatedly. In order to attract and retain customers, the company needs to identify the determinants of customer value and satisfaction (Kotler, 2001). Therefore, according to Kotler and Keller (2007), customer value is the difference between the total value a customer receives and the total cost that a customer pays for a product or service. The total value received is all the benefits that a customer expects of a particular product or service, such as product value, service value, personnel value, and image value of the companies. Total cost is the estimated cost of the customer to evaluate and use the product or service, including monetary cost, time cost, mental cost, and labor cost.

Customers Perceived Value (CPV) - Since the late twentieth century, the concept of "perceived value" has been an interest to researchers around the world. It has emerged as an important factor of the survival of the organization. Researchers use a variety of terms to define the perceived value of a customer, such as perceived value, customer value, value for the customer, customer perceived value, perceived customer value, consumer value, consumption value.

One of the authors who spent much time doing research involve in customer perceived values is Zeithaml (1988). She proposed that "Perceived value is the overall appreciation of consumers for the utility of a product or service based on their perception of what is received and what is spent." Zeithaml had a comparison between the two components "get" and "spend" of the product or service. Zeithaml also argues that some consumers feel value when they are offered a low price; others feel value when there is a balance between quality and price. So different consumers will have different perceived value components. A buyer's perception of value is a description of the balance between the quality of the product or the benefit they perceive from the product and the cost they pay for the product (Monroe, as cited in Jyoti Sikka Kainth, 2011).

Another definition derived from Butz and Goodstein (1996). They define that customers perceived value is the emotional relationship established between the customer and the supplier after the customer has used a product or service and sees that the product or service generates added value. Meanwhile, Anderson, Jain and Chintagunta (1993) define customer perceptions as the perceived value of economic, technical, service and social benefits in monetary terms. Those customers can get compared to the price they pay for a product, putting in the price review and offering of the available vendors.

In 1997, Woodruff (1997) supplement previous points of view is that customer perception is the customer's interest, perception, and appreciation of product characteristics, performance, and results from using to easily reach or otherwise interfere with the intent and purpose of the customer in the use case. This concept incorporates the desired value and value and emphasizes that the value comes from the customer's perception, preference and judgment.

Sweeney and Soutar (2001) indicated that there is a need for an enhanced CPV model with better designed measures which can more accurately and completely identify the important values perceived by consumers at a product level or a service level. Through factor analysis using the consumer survey data gathered at both pre- and post-purchase stages, they identified four distinct dimensions of CPV and specially termed them as PERVAL. They are emotional value, social value, quality/performance value, and price/ value for money, all of which were found to have a significant explanatory power for consumer attitudes and purchase behavior. Since Sweeney and

Soutar's (2001) CPV study was published, it has been widely cited or applied in numerous conceptual and empirical studies.

CPV for physical distribution service quality is conceptualized as a multidimensional construct. An analytical model was developed based on Sweeney and Soutar (2001)'s framework. Four dimensions in the model, namely emotional value, social value, quality value (performance value), and price value (value for money).

Summary of two conceptual models – customer perceived value model and physical distribution service quality model into model for this research.

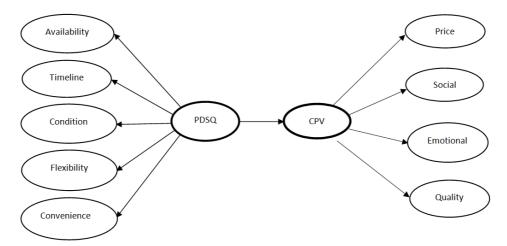


Figure 1. Physical distribution service quality and customer perceived value model

#### 2.5 Developing hypotheses

The purpose of this study is to identify components related to PDSQ in Omni channel as well as determinants which compose customer perceived value. On that basis, this study will investigate the effects of PDSQ on customer perceived value in Omni channel. Results of this research might help companies in Omni channel improve their effectiveness and efficiency to upgrade their customers' satisfaction.

From the above description of dependent and independent variables, the following research hypotheses are suggested:

- H1: The availability has a positive influence on customer perceived value.
- H2: The timeline has a positive influence on customer perceived value.
- H3: The condition has a positive influence on customer perceived value.
- H4: The flexibility has a positive influence on customer perceived value.
- H5: The convenience has a positive influence on customer perceived value.

#### 3. Research methodology

Qualitative and quantitative approaches were used to design this research. The results of previous empirical researches and group discussion are fundamental for exploring new indicators to adjust and complete the constructs in the research model. The quantitative research applied the survey of consumers who usually use Omni-channel shopping with convenience sampling.

A formal questionnaire with 37 measurement items was set up to measure dimensions of PDSQ (30 items)

and CPV (7 items). A 5-point Likert scale (from strongly disagree to strongly agree) was used to indicate the level of agreement to each item of respondents. This structured questionnaire was designed as a data collecting instrument to take advantages of closed-end questions. Participants were the students from the universities in Ho Chi Minh City including Van Lang University, Hutech University, Industry University, and Saigon University. A sample of 220 respondents was targeted and a total of 200 questionnaires were completed with high return rate 91%. Invalid and uncompleted questionnaires were rejected, resulting in 185 valid answer sheets.

Data analysis - Structural Equation Model (SEM), a multivariate technique based on the combination of both factor analysis and regression, has been considered as a data analysis tool. There are two methods: covariance-based techniques (CB-SEM) and variance-based partial least squares (PLS-SEM). However, PLS-SEM provides more advantages for researchers when dealing with i) non-normality data set, ii) minimum demand of sample size. Therefore, PLS-SEM is superior to CB-SEM in this situation.

#### Research results

#### 4.1 Cronbach's Alpha test

The results of reliability testing with Cronbach's Alpha coefficient show that the components of the scale are presented in Table 1. The results of testing the components of the scale have Cronbach's Alpha > 0.6 and there are not measurement variables having correlations less than 0.3. Thus, 37 observed variables continue to be included in the exploratory factor analysis (EFA).

Table 1 Cronbach's Alpha Reliability Analysis

Reliability	Mean	SD	Cronbach's Alpha if Item Deleted
A wide assortment of products is available	3.96	.865	.741
Products are available	3.74	.889	.697
Retailer has inventory availability near my facility	3.79	.879	.697
Order status information is readily available	4.13	.797	.708
The retailer demonstrates equipment prior to order placement	3.98	.878	.715
If products are out of stock, the replace products are available	3.82	.930	.745
Cronbach's Alpha	.753		
Timeline	Mean	SD	Cronbach's Alpha if Item Deleted
The order placement time is short	3.80	.890	.712
Backorder time is short	3.79	.915	.708
The delivery time is specifically indented	4.12	.745	.721
The time between placing and receiving an order is short	3.78	.794	.688
The time it takes my retailer to put my order together is consistent	3.77	.934	.711
Products ordered are delivered on time	3.84	.928	.704
Delivery is rapid	3.84	.870	.807
Cronbach's Alpha	.754		
Condition	Mean	SD	Cronbach's Alpha if Item Deleted
All of products are delivered at the same time	3.84	.870	.654
Products are delivered as required	4.00	.885	.586
Products are in good quality as described	3.91	.849	.574
Products are package safely and conveniently	4.01	.831	.693
Cronbach's Alpha	.694		
Flexibility	Mean	SD	Cronbach's Alpha if Item Deleted
Order policy is flexible	3.96	.836	.678
Products are updated according to market demand	3.97	.824	.611
Retailer can meet special requirement of customer	3.88	.864	.628
The pay back and exchange policy is simple	3.85	.876	.740
Cronbach's Alpha	.727		

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Table 1	continued

Convenience		SD	Cronbach's Alpha if Item Deleted	
Location is easy to access	3.97	.833	.834	
Easy to find website of retailer	4.12	.801	.820	
Easy to find products on retailer' website	4.15	.807	.817	
Can order products at any time	4.16	.741	.827	
When order process is interrupted, it can be continued at any time without	4.10	.777	.821	
losing information				
There is always support from counselors	3.80	.871	.830	
Can decide where to receive products	4.16	.791	.822	
Can follow order status	4.22	.657	.842	
Can compare products from different online retailers	3.94	.854	.835	
Cronbach's Alpha	.844			
Customer perceived value	Mean	SD	Cronbach's Alpha if Item Deleted	
Price is reasonable	3.88	.750	.803	
Product is value in comparison with money spent	3.97	.762	.794	
The fee is reasonable	3.91	.799	.816	
Can save time and effort	4.19	.726	.809	
Can get the attention and good service	3.98	.783	.795	
Can catch market trends thanks to information from website	3.95	.845	.795	
Retailer provides high service value for customer	4.01	.744	.786	
Cronbach's Alpha	.823			

#### 4.2 Exploratory factor analysis

An exploratory factor analysis (EFA) is performed to evaluate the validity of the measurement scales of all variables. Total 37 items are used to analyze exploratory factor and include two parts. Part 1 consists of 30 items to present PDSQ in Omni channel, and part 2 with 7 items to show CPV. The KMO of dimensions of PDSQ in part 1 is 0.896, and its Barlett's test p-value is 0.000. The KMO of CPV in part 2 is 0.871, and its Barlett's test p-value is 0.000. The test values indicate that the data are accepted to perform further factor analysis. Then in part 1, we use principal component analysis method and variable maximization rotation to maintain 32 items. Their factor loadings are shown in Table 4. The table shows seven common factors extracted from the remaining 37 items. Cumulative extraction sum of squared loading is 59.301% (part 1) and 51.877% (part 2).

Twenty nine factors loadings are above 0.5 and no-cross construct loadings are above 0.3, indicating good validity of discrimination. Some other factors have loading factor of variables which are less than 0.5, so they are removed from the model (Nunnally & Bernstein, 1994). After removal, from the original 6 elements with 37 observed variables are adjusted into 7 factors with 29 observed variables. Among them, four variables including CONV26, CONV27, CONV28, CONV29 which were belong to Convenience factor are grouped in Customer Service factor and renamed as CS26, CS27, CS28, in turn.

Table 2

KMO and Barlett's Test of PDSQ variables

KMO and Bartlett's Test		
Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Samp	.896	
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	Approx. Chi-Square	2199.703
	df	435
	Sig.	.000

## **Table 3** *KMO and Barlett's Test of CPV variables*

KMO and Bartlett's Test		
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Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Samplin	g Adequacy.	.871
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	Approx. Chi-Square	366.135
	df	21
	Sig.	.000

**Table 4**Factor analysis

Component -	Initial Eigenvalues			Extraction Sums of Squared Loadings			
Component —	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %	
1	9.601	32.002	32.002	9.601	32.002	32.002	
2	2.077	6.922	38.924	2.077	6.922	38.924	
3	1.472	4.906	43.829	1.472	4.906	43.829	
4	1.287	4.289	48.119	1.287	4.289	48.119	
5	1.276	4.252	52.370	1.276	4.252	52.370	
6	1.044	3.479	55.849	1.044	3.479	55.849	
7	1.035	3.451	59.301	1.035	3.451	59.301	

		Component				Extraction Sums of S-Loadings			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Cumulative %
A1	A wide assortment of products is available	.548							32.002%
A2	Products are available	.598							
A3	Retailer has inventory availability near my facility	.836							
A4	Order status information is readily available	.591							
T9	The delivery time is specifically indented		.505						38.924%
T10	The time between placing and receiving an order is short		.836						
T12	Products ordered are delivered on time		.705						
COND14	All of products are delivered at the same time			.500					43.829%
COND15	Products are delivered as required without mistakes			.609					
COND16	Products are in good quality as described			.725					
COND17	Products are package safely and			.556					
	conveniently								
F18	Order policy is flexible				.618				52.370%
F19	Products are updated according to market demand				.696				
F20	Retailer can meet special requirement of customer				.848				
F21	The pay back and exchange policy is simple				.511				
CONV22	Location is easy to access					.539			55.849%
CONV23	Easy to find website of retailer					.745			
CONV25	Can order products at any time					.777			
CONV26	When order process is interrupted, it can be continued at any time without losing						.561		59.301%
G G 3 17 14 5	information								
CONV27	There is always support from counselors						.711		
CONV28	Can decide where to receive products						.735		
CONV29	Can follow order status						.582	(77	£1 9770/
V31 V32	Price is reasonable Product is value in comparison with							.677 .725	51.877%
v 32	money spent							.123	
V33	The fee is reasonable							.604	
V 33 V 34	Can save time and effort							.648	
V 34 V 35	Can get the attention and good service							.727	
V35 V36	Can catch market trends thanks to							.727	
130	information from website							.,21	
V37	Retailer provides high service value for customer							.772	

#### 4.3 Analysis of linear structure model (SEM)

The method of analyzing linear structure model (SEM) by SmartPLS software is used to verify the research

model. Model to test the impact of 7 factors: Availability, Timeline, Condition, Flexibility, Convenience, Customer Service, Customer Perceived Value.

Evaluation of the measurement Model - The requirements of evaluating reflective measurement model include: internal consistency reliability, indicator reliability, convergent validity, discrimination validity. In particular, Cronbach's alpha (CA) must be more than 0.6 and composite reliability (CR) must be more than 0.7 (Hair et al., 2014). Moreover, indicator reliability must be more than 0.5, this means outer reliability should be more than 0.7. In addition, Average Variance Extracted (AVE) is greater than 0.5 to confirm the reliability and the convergence validity of the scale. This research also uses Heterotrait-monotrait ratio; Fornell-Lacker, and Cross Loadings to analyze discriminant validity.

The analytical results show that some variables did not meet these requirements, so that they were removed from the model. The remaining variables meet the requirements, so they are streamlined into 14 variables to measure PDSQ and 4 variables to measure CPV. These factors and variables are shown in Figure 2.

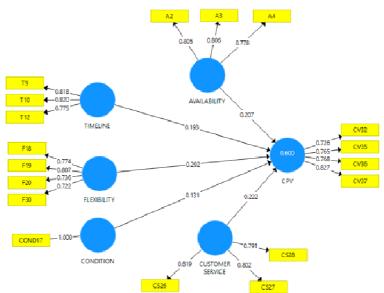


Figure 2. SEM analysis result

The results presented in table 5 show that all factors have Cronbach alpha > 0.6 and AVE (average variance extracted) > 0.5. This means the reliability and validity of these factors is valuable. Results from table 6 show that all outer loadings of constructs Availability, Condition, Customer Service, CPV, Flexibility and Timeline are higher than permitted threshold (>0.708).

Table 5

Construct Reliability and Validity

	Cronbach's Alpha	Rho A	Composite Reliability	Average Variance Extracted (AVE)
AVAILABILITY	0.711	0.712	0.839	0.634
CONDITION	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
CUSTOMER SERVICE	0.730	0.736	0.846	0.647
CPV	0.773	0.776	0.855	0.596
FLEXIBILITY	0.756	0.758	0.846	0.578
TIMELINE	0.728	0.729	0.846	0.647

Table 7 refers to Fornell- Larcker criteria. According to these criteria,  $\sqrt{\text{AVE}}$  of each research variables is more than correlation value of this variable with others in model. Results prove that all  $\sqrt{\text{AVE}}$  of research variables meet that requirement. While, Table 8 involves in Cross Loading results. All cross loadings of variables are higher than their crossing loadings with others in model. Therefore, this criterion is valid.

Discrimination values appear in Table 9. All HTMT values are less than 0.85. This indicates that all

constructs are distinguished with each other. With results discussed above, this measurement model is accepted for further steps.

Table 6
Outer Loadings

	AVAILABILITY	CONDITION	CPV	CUSTOMER SERVICE	FLEXIBILITY	TIMELINE
A2	0.805					
A3	0.806					
A4	0.778					
COND17		1.000				
CS26				0.819		
CS27				0.802		
CS28				0.791		
CV32			0.728			
CV35			0.766			
CV36			0.766			
CV37			0.826			
F18					0.774	
F19					0.807	
F20					0.736	
F30					0.722	
T10						0.820
T12						0.775
T9						0.818

**Table 7**Fornell – Larcker Criterion

	AVAILABILITY	CONDITION	CUSTOMER SERVICE	CPV	FLEXIBILITY	TIMELINE
AVAILABILITY	0.796					
CONDITION	0.209	1.000				
CUSTOMER SERVICE	0.427	0.342	0.804			
CPV	0.561	0.384	0.611	0.772		
FLEXIBILITY	0.464	0.252	0.549	0.633	0.760	
TIMELINE	0.502	0.311	0.495	0.585	0.472	0.804

**Table 8**Cross Loadings

	AVAILABILITY	CONDITION	CUSTOMER SERVICE	CPV	FLEXIBILITY	TIMELINE
A2	0.805	0.156	0.351	0.443	0.414	0.494
A3	0.806	0.173	0.331	0.462	0.287	0.430
A4	0.778	0.171	0.338	0.435	0.411	0.273
C32	0.484	0.292	0.458	0.728	0.442	0.462
C35	0.387	0.317	0.521	0.766	0.434	0.451
C36	0.405	0.318	0.409	0.766	0.520	0.388
C37	0.455	0.264	0.496	0.826	0.556	0.501
COND17	0.209	1.000	0.342	0.384	0.252	0.311
CS26	0.358	0.319	0.819	0.513	0.376	0.408
CS27	0.362	0.249	0.802	0.537	0.474	0.420
CS28	0.302	0.255	0.791	0.405	0.484	0.359
F18	0.340	0.219	0.485	0.469	0.774	0.345
F19	0.413	0.143	0.426	0.507	0.807	0.407
F20	0.355	0.092	0.313	0.434	0.736	0.362
F30	0.304	0.299	0.436	0.508	0.722	0.322
T10	0.405	0.198	0.366	0.478	0.387	0.820
T12	0.419	0.332	0.510	0.510	0.395	0.775
Т9	0.382	0.208	0.296	0.411	0.350	0.818

Table 9

Heterotrait-Monotrait Ratio (HTMT)

	AVAILABILITY	CONDITION	CUSTOMER SERVICE	CPV	FLEXIBILITY	TIMELINE
AVAILABILITY						
CONDITION	0.248					
CUSTOMER SERVICE	0.587	0.399				
CPV	0.756	0.439	0.801			
FLEXIBILITY	0.635	0.285	0.738	0.824		
TIMELINE	0.692	0.358	0.660	0.770	0.632	

**Table 10**Outer and Inner VIF Values

Outer VIF Values					
	VIF				
A2	1.433				
A3	1.402				
A4	1.347				
C32	1.354				
C35	1.502				
C36	1.533				
C37	1.734				
COND17	1.000				
CS26	1.493				
CS27	1.340				
CS28	1.548				
F18	1.549				
F19	1.742				
F20	1.518				
F30	1.323				
T10	1.615				
T12	1.265				
Т9	1.693				

Inner VIF Values						
	AVAILABILITY	CONDITION	CUSTOMER SERVICE	CPV	FLEXIBILITY	TIMELINE
AVAILABILITY				1.494		·
CONDITION				1.169		
CUSTOMER				1.687		
SERVICE						
CPV						
FLEXIBILITY				1.635		
TIMELINE				1.626		

 Table 11

 R square
 R Square
 R Square Adjusted

 CPV
 0.600
 0.588

Evaluation of the Structural Model - Standards to evaluate structural model in PLS-SEM are: Collinearity assessment (VIF should be less than 5), coefficients of determination (R2), predictive relevance (Q2), size and significance of path coefficients, f2 effect sizes and q2 effect sizes. Table 10 indicates that VIF values including outer VIF value and Inner VIF Values are less than 5, this mean they do not violate the criteria of Multi-collinearity testing (Hair et al., 2010). Results from table 11 to table 13 show that all variables in the model are in the permitted scope. The adjusted R square is 0.588, which means that 58.8% of CPV is explained by 5 factors in PDSQ. The effect level of each factor is shown in table 12 and table 13. Among them, the Flexibility and Customer Service factor have the highest effect level on CPV.

**Table 12** *F square* 

	AVAILABILITY	CONDITION	CUSTOMER SERVICE	CPV	FLEXIBILITY	TIMELINE
AVAILABILITY				0.072		
CONDITION				0.037		
CUSTOMER SERVICE				0.073		
CPV						
FLEXIBILITY				0.130		
TIMELINE				0.057		

**Table 13**Path coefficient

	AVAILABILITY	CONDITION	CUSTOMER SERVICE	CPV	FLEXIBILITY	TIMELINE
AVAILABILITY				0.207		
CONDITION				0.131		
CUSTOMER SERVICE				0.222		
CPV						
FLEXIBILITY				0.291		
TIMELINE				0.193		

**Bootstrapping test** - To be able to extrapolate the results of the study, the model needs to be re-tested for reliability. The topic uses bootstrapping with a repeated sample size of 1000 observations (n = 1000) with an initial sample size of 185 observations. The estimated results from 1000 observations indicate that the original weight has significant meaning for the average weight of bootstrapping because all weights are within the 95% confidence interval. Thus, the estimates in the model may conclude as reliable.

**Table 14** *Bootstrapping test* 

	Original Sample (O)	Mean (M)	SD (STDEV)	T Statistics (IO/STDEVI)	p Values
AVAILABILITY → CPV	0.207	0.206	0.067	3.084	.002
CONDITION → CPV	0.131	0.135	0.060	2.208	.027
CUSTOMER SERVICE → CPV	0.222	0.219	0.069	3.208	.001
FLEXIBILITY → CPV	0.292	0.296	0.068	4.273	.000
TIMELINE → CPV	0.193	0.193	0.070	2.760	.006

#### 4.4 Hypothesis test

As presented above, this research includes 5 hypothesizes. The results of bootstrapping show that these 5 hypothesis effect on CPV with  $\alpha$  (level of significance) = 5%. Results of hypothesizes are showed in Table 14 and Figure 2.

Hypothesis H1 supposes that the **Availability** has a positive influence on CPV. The availability factor includes 5 variables at first, but after being tested by Exploratory Factor Analysis and PLS SEM, two variables were deleted. Therefore, 3 remaining variables (A2, A3, A4) represent for Availability factor. The Availability factor has a strong influence on CPV with  $\beta = 0.207$ ; *t*-value = 3.084 and *p* value = .002. This means the availability of products, the available status of order information and the availability of shops which are near customers' location will help customers perceive high value provided by retailers.

Hypothesis H2 suggests that the **Timeline** has a positive influence on CPV. The timeline factor includes 7 variables at first, but after being tested by Exploratory Factor Analysis and PLS SEM, 4 variables are deleted because they can't meet the requirement suggested in measurement model. Therefore, 3 remaining variables (T9, T10, T12) represent for Timeline factor. The timeline factor quite strongly influences on CPV with  $\beta = 0.193$ ;

t-value = 2.760 and p value = .006. Customers expect that the time between placing and receiving an order is consistent. They also require that the delivery time is specifically identified and all orders are delivered on time. This shows that timeline is one of the elements which customers lay stress on. It is also a competitive advantage that company should pay attention to compete with competitors.

Hypothesis H3 insists that the **Condition** of the order has a positive influence on CPV. The condition factor includes 4 variables at first, but after being tested by Exploratory Factor Analysis and PLS SEM, 3 variables are deleted because they can't meet the requirement suggested in measurement model. Therefore, 1 remaining variables (COND17) represent for Condition factor. That variable is "Product is packaged conveniently and safely" with  $\beta = 0.131$ ; *t*-value = 2.208 and *p* value = .027. Any customer hopes that products will be safe when receiving. To do so, designing package to protect the content of products as well as ensure the convenience for customers is a vital requirement for company. Besides, the aesthetic element should be paid attention.

Hypothesis H4 believes that the **Flexibility** has a positive influence on CPV. The Flexibility factor includes 4 variables at first, but after being tested, 1 variable are deleted. Therefore, 3 remaining variables (F18, F19, F20, F21) represent for Flexibility factor. The Flexibility has a highest effect level on CPV with  $\beta = 0.292$ ; t-value = 4.273 and p value = .000. This means that if a retailer has some advantages such as the order policy is flexible, the products are updated to market demands, the ability to satisfy customers' specific requirements and product return or exchange policy is simply, that retailer will increase the customers' satisfaction.

Hypothesis H5 shows that the **Convenience** factor which is divided into to 2 parts after Exploratory Factor Analysis stage (part 1 still keeps Convenience name and part 2 is renamed Customer Service) has a strong influence on CPV. Three elements of Convenience factors including CONV22, CONV23, CONVE25 are removed from model because their coefficients of Cronbach alpha are less than 0.7 and they cannot have the level of significance at 5% when bootstrapping. Therefore, 3 remaining variables (CS26, CS27, CS28) represent for Customer Service factor. The Customer Service factor has the second strong influence on CPV with  $\beta = 0.222$ ; *t*-value = 3.208 and *p* value = .001. In particular, customers will be pleased when their ordering process is interrupted by some private reasons, they still keep products information in shopping cart and they can continue their ordering at any time and by any means (computer, mobile, laptop). This is an outstanding advantage in Omni channel. This research proves that customers appreciate the value that this advantage brings to. Moreover, the fact that there is always support from counselors when customers get trouble is a critical element in customer service. Besides, when customers actively decide where to receive the product (they can come to the shop of retailer or they want retailer to ship a specific location as they require), they feel that they get benefits from retailer in comparison with what they pay.

#### 5. Conclusion

This study determines that there are five dimensions of PDSQ influencing on CPV. The product availability, timeline, flexibility, condition and customer service have positive influence on customer perceived value in Omni channel. Managers should concentrate on these factors to create competitive advantage and attract more customers in Omni channel. Managers should pay much attention on the flexibility of PDSQ because this factor contributes greatly on customer perceived value. Customer's satisfaction will be increased when retailer makes flexible condition for them in purchasing. Some characteristics of flexibility are "order policy is flexible", "the products are updated to market demands", "retailer has ability to satisfy customers' specific requirements" and "product return or exchange policy is simple". Managers can boost these characteristics to increase customer perceived value.

One important thing in PDSQ is Customer service. Customers will be pleased when ordering process is quick and safe. They also want to get recommendation from counselors as well as to decide where they receive products (at home or in the shop, for example). This is also benefits of Omni channel business. Therefore, managers should take advantage these strengths in market competition. Besides, retailers should ensure the

product availability, the timeline to process order as well as to deliver products, and the good quality of product. These three factors make a great contribution on customer perceived value, because availability and speed are two weapons to get competitive advantage in the competition nowadays. Managers should consider factors which are belong to customer perceived value. Customers will satisfy when the value they received is worth with what they spend; or when they received good customer service from counselors. Moreover, through information from website, they can update newest trends in market. Therefore, managers need to provide good PDSQ to increase CPV.

*Limitation* - This study has quite small sample size. The survey is taken place in Ho Chi Minh City. Future studies can perform larger sample size and widen geographic area to gain higher generalizability.

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