Research on the Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Human Resource Management in Listed Enterprises and Countermeasures

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Abstract. The integration of artificial intelligence into human resource management has accelerated significantly, particularly within listed enterprises that face unique pressures from investors, regulators, and public scrutiny. Drawing upon the resource-based view, signaling theory, and sociotechnical systems theory, this study develops a comprehensive theoretical framework to examine the multifaceted impact of AI on HRM in listed enterprises. The analysis identifies three primary impact pathways: algorithmic decision-making in recruitment and selection, predictive analytics in performance management and retention, and automation in HR service delivery. The study further explores organizational implications, including structural changes within HR functions, evolving workforce skill requirements, and transformations in employee-employer relationships. In response to these challenges, countermeasures are proposed across four domains: strategic alignment of AI with HR objectives, ethical governance frameworks, workforce reskilling initiatives, and hybrid human-AI work design. The framework provides theoretical contributions to the AI-HRM literature and offers practical guidance for executives, HR leaders, and boards in listed enterprises seeking to leverage AI for competitive advantage while managing associated risks.

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1. Introduction

The integration of artificial intelligence into human resource management has evolved from an emerging trend to a strategic imperative for organizations worldwide. According to market analysis, the global AI in HR market has experienced rapid growth, with major technology providers including IBM, Oracle, SAP, and Workday developing sophisticated AI-powered HR solutions [18]. From recruitment platforms utilizing machine learning to screen candidates to predictive analytics systems forecasting employee turnover, AI applications now span the entire employee lifecycle, fundamentally reshaping how organizations attract, develop, and retain talent.

Listed enterprises face particularly acute pressures in adopting AI for HR functions. Publicly traded companies operate under heightened scrutiny from investors, analysts, and regulators, creating both distinct opportunities and constraints for technological adoption. The potential benefits of AI in HR—improved operational efficiency, reduced human bias in decision-making, enhanced decision quality through data-driven insights—must be carefully weighed against significant risks including algorithmic discrimination, transparency concerns, employee resistance, and potential reputational damage [2, 12]. For these organizations, AI adoption in HR is not merely a technological implementation decision but a strategic choice that carries implications for corporate governance, stakeholder communication, and long-term competitive positioning.

The existing literature on AI in HRM has grown considerably in recent years. Studies have examined AI applications in specific HR functions, including recruitment and selection [14, 13], performance management [9], and employee retention [6]. Research has also explored the ethical implications of algorithmic decision-making [2], the transformation of HR roles and capabilities [12], and the organizational design implications of AI adoption [12]. However, despite this growing body of work, the specific context of listed enterprises—with their unique governance structures, mandatory disclosure requirements, and intense stakeholder pressures—remains underexplored. Theoretical frameworks that integrate the strategic, organizational, and ethical dimensions of AI adoption in the listed enterprise context are notably absent.

This study addresses this gap by developing a comprehensive theoretical framework to examine how AI impacts HRM in listed enterprises and to identify appropriate countermeasures. The framework draws upon three complementary theoretical perspectives: the Resource-Based View (RBV) to understand how AI-enabled HR capabilities can create sustainable competitive advantage; signaling theory to examine how AI adoption communicates organizational quality to external stakeholders; and sociotechnical systems theory to analyze the complex interactions between technological and social subsystems in AI implementation. The analysis proceeds in three stages: first, identifying three primary impact pathways through which AI affects HRM;

second, exploring the organizational implications of AI adoption across structural, capability, and relational dimensions; and third, proposing countermeasures across strategic, governance, capability, and design domains.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 presents the theoretical foundations underpinning the framework. Section 3 analyzes the three impact pathways of AI on HRM in listed enterprises. Section 4 explores the organizational implications of AI adoption. Section 5 proposes countermeasures for listed enterprises. Section 6 concludes with a summary of contributions, practical implications, and directions for future research.

2. Theoretical Foundations

2.1. Resource-Based View and Competitive Advantage

The resource-based view provides a foundational lens for understanding how AI adoption can create sustainable competitive advantage for listed enterprises. According to RBV, firms achieve sustainable competitive advantage through resources that are valuable, rare, inimitable, and non-substitutable [1]. Human capital has long been identified as such a resource, with the potential to generate sustained competitive advantage when properly managed and developed [19, 4].

In the context of AI in HRM, RBV suggests that AI systems themselves can become sources of competitive advantage when they are developed and deployed in ways that are difficult for competitors to imitate. However, as scholars have noted, technology alone is rarely inimitable; the true source of advantage lies in how technology is integrated with organizational processes and human capabilities [12]. This perspective emphasizes that AI adoption in HR must be understood not merely as technological implementation but as a broader organizational transformation. For listed enterprises, the ability to develop unique AI-enabled HR capabilities that competitors cannot easily replicate represents a potential source of sustained advantage, provided these capabilities are properly aligned with strategic objectives and supported by complementary organizational resources.

2.2. Signaling Theory and Information Asymmetry

Signaling theory addresses how organizations communicate their quality and attributes to external stakeholders in contexts characterized by information asymmetry [16, 7]. For listed enterprises, signaling to investors, potential employees, and other stakeholders is particularly important, as these organizations operate in environments where external perceptions directly influence market valuation, access to capital, and talent attraction.

The adoption of AI in HR can serve as a powerful signal of organizational sophistication, forward-looking management, and technological capability. When listed enterprises invest in AI-powered HR systems, they communicate to investors that they are committed to operational efficiency and data-driven decision-making. Similarly, such adoption signals to potential employees that the organization values innovation and provides opportunities to work with advanced technologies. However, signals must be credible to be effective. When listed enterprises adopt AI for HR functions, the credibility of the signal depends on whether the technology is genuinely integrated into decision-making processes or merely adopted for symbolic purposes. Research has shown that organizations may adopt technologies for legitimacy reasons without fully implementing them, creating decoupling between espoused practices and actual operations [15]. For listed enterprises, such decoupling carries significant risks, as external stakeholders may detect inconsistencies, leading to loss of credibility and potential regulatory scrutiny.

2.3. Sociotechnical Systems Theory

Sociotechnical systems theory emphasizes that organizations consist of interacting social and technical subsystems that must be jointly optimized for effective performance [17]. This perspective, originally developed to study work design in coal mining, has particular relevance for understanding AI implementation in HRM. The theory highlights that technological implementation cannot succeed without attention to social factors including employee attitudes, organizational culture, work design, and power relationships.

Recent research has extended sociotechnical perspectives to the study of algorithmic management, examining how AI systems interact with human workers and managers [12]. This work emphasizes that the effectiveness of AI in HR depends not only on algorithmic sophistication but also on the design of human-AI interfaces, the distribution of decision rights between humans and algorithms, the development of trust in algorithmic systems, and the management of potential social disruptions. For listed enterprises, the sociotechnical perspective underscores that successful AI adoption requires careful attention to both technical implementation and social integration. Organizations that neglect the social subsystem—for example, by implementing AI systems without adequate employee involvement or change management—risk resistance, reduced effectiveness, and potential value destruction.

As illustrated in Figure 1, the three theoretical perspectives are not mutually exclusive but exhibit intrinsic coupling. The Resource-Based View (RBV) drives the pursuit of competitive advantage through the development of unique, AI-enabled HR capabilities. However, the realization of such advantage is contingent upon the effective integration of social and technical subsystems, as emphasized by Sociotechnical Systems Theory (SST). Without proper attention to social factors—such as employee trust, skill alignment, and work design—AI systems risk becoming superficial implementations that fail to generate sustained advantage. Concurrently, signaling theory highlights the risk of "decoupling", whereby listed enterprises may adopt AI for symbolic legitimacy without substantive integration. SST serves as a critical moderating mechanism here: by fostering genuine alignment between AI technologies and organizational processes, SST ensures that signals of AI adoption are credible and backed by operational reality, thereby preserving stakeholder trust and mitigating reputational risk.

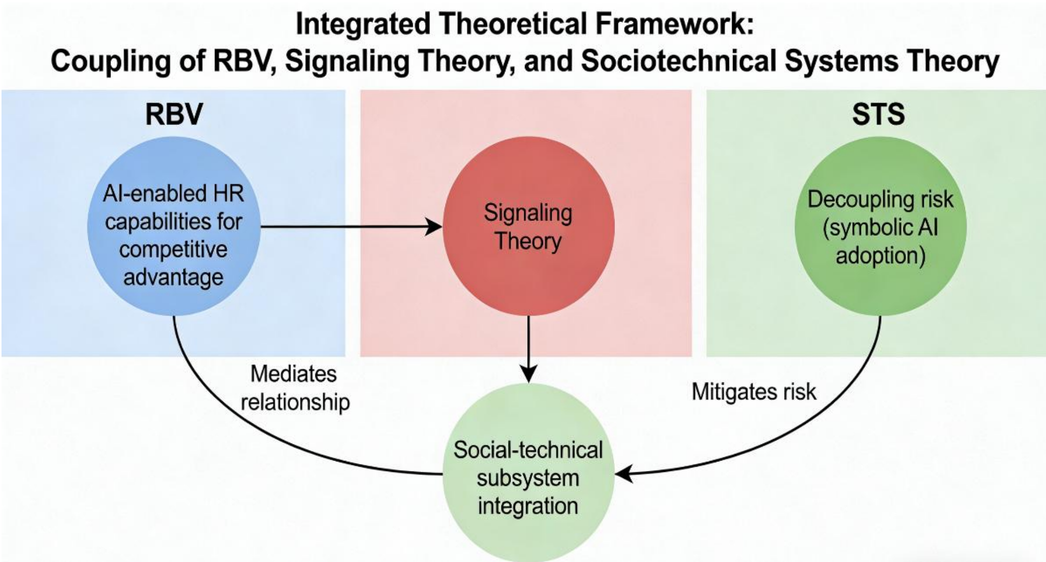

Figure 1. Integrated theoretical framework: coupling of RBV, signaling theory, and sociotechnical systems theory.

3. Impact Pathways of AI on HRM in Listed Enterprises

This section identifies and analyzes three primary pathways through which AI impacts human resource management in listed enterprises: algorithmic decision-making in recruitment and selection, predictive analytics in performance management and retention, and automation in HR service delivery. Each pathway is examined in terms of its mechanisms, benefits, risks, and unique implications for publicly traded organizations.

3.1. Algorithmic Decision-Making in Recruitment and Selection

The most extensively studied application of AI in HRM is in recruitment and selection. AI-powered tools now perform a wide range of functions including resume screening, candidate sourcing, pre-employment assessments, video interviewing, and candidate matching [14, 13]. For listed enterprises, these tools promise substantial efficiency gains in the talent acquisition process. Research indicates that AI recruitment tools can reduce time-to-hire by 55 to 60 percent and achieve cost savings of 20 to 30 percent [6].

Algorithmic recruitment systems operate through several distinct mechanisms. Machine learning models trained on historical hiring data can identify candidate characteristics associated with successful outcomes. Natural language processing can analyze resumes and cover letters to extract relevant qualifications and experience. Video interview platforms use facial expression analysis, voice tone assessment, and language processing to evaluate candidate suitability. Some advanced systems integrate these capabilities to provide comprehensive candidate evaluations and rankings.

However, algorithmic recruitment systems raise significant concerns that are particularly acute for listed enterprises. Algorithmic bias has been extensively documented, with systems sometimes discriminating against candidates based on gender, race, age, or other protected characteristics [2]. These biases often arise from training data that reflects historical hiring patterns, which may themselves have been biased or may reflect past discriminatory practices. For listed enterprises, such bias creates substantial legal and reputational risks. Discrimination claims can lead to regulatory sanctions, litigation costs, and significant damage to corporate reputation. Moreover, in an environment of heightened stakeholder scrutiny, algorithmic bias can trigger negative media coverage, investor concern, and potential impacts on stock price.

Transparency represents another critical concern. Many AI recruitment systems operate as "black boxes", with decision-making processes that are opaque to candidates and even to HR professionals using the systems [12]. This opacity creates challenges in explaining hiring decisions to candidates, regulators, and investors. For listed enterprises subject to disclosure requirements and increasing demands for transparency from stakeholders, the inability to explain how recruitment decisions are made represents a significant governance risk. Some jurisdictions have begun to require algorithmic transparency in employment decisions, adding regulatory compliance to the list of concerns.

3.2. Predictive Analytics in Performance Management and Retention

A second impact pathway involves predictive analytics applied to performance management and employee retention. AI systems now analyze large volumes of employee data to predict performance trajectories, identify flight risks, recommend development interventions, and optimize workforce planning [12, 9].

Predictive retention models represent a significant application with direct financial implications for listed enterprises. By analyzing patterns in employee data—including performance ratings, engagement survey responses, compensation history, promotion patterns, and even metadata from email communications—AI systems can identify employees at risk of voluntary turnover. For listed enterprises, where talent retention is critical to maintaining competitive advantage and where unexpected departures of key executives must be disclosed to investors, these predictive capabilities offer substantial potential value. Early identification of retention risks enables proactive intervention, potentially reducing costly turnover and maintaining organizational stability.

Performance analytics systems similarly promise to enhance decision-making. AI-powered platforms can provide real-time feedback to employees, identify skill gaps across the organization, and recommend personalized development pathways. Some systems use sentiment analysis to monitor employee engagement and flag emerging issues before they escalate. For listed enterprises, these capabilities can support more effective talent development and help ensure that the organization maintains the capabilities needed to execute strategic objectives.

However, predictive analytics also introduce significant risks. Employee surveillance concerns arise when AI systems monitor communications, behaviors, and activities in ways that employees perceive as intrusive or coercive [2]. Research has documented employee resistance to algorithmic monitoring, with workers sometimes reducing productivity, withholding information, or engaging in performative behaviors to "game" the system [12]. For listed enterprises, such resistance can undermine the intended benefits of AI adoption and may lead to broader organizational dysfunction.

Algorithmic fairness concerns also prominently emerge in the realm of performance management. Predictive models that are trained on historical data may inadvertently perpetuate existing biases present in performance ratings. When AI systems make recommendations regarding which employees should be considered for development opportunities, promotions, or other desirable outcomes, they can unintentionally reinforce historical patterns of inequality and discrimination. For publicly listed enterprises that are facing heightened stakeholder scrutiny regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion issues, ensuring fairness in algorithmic Human Resources (HR) systems is not only an ethical imperative but also a vital business necessity. Addressing these fairness concerns is essential for fostering a more equitable workplace environment and enhancing organizational reputation, ultimately contributing to long-term success and sustainability in an increasingly competitive landscape.

3.3. Automation in HR Service Delivery and Employee Experience

A third impact pathway involves the automation of routine HR service delivery. AI-powered chatbots, self-service portals, robotic process automation, and virtual assistants now handle many transactional HR activities, including answering employee questions, processing leave requests, administering benefits, and managing payroll inquiries [9, 6].

For listed enterprises, automation offers significant efficiency benefits. By reducing the administrative burden on HR professionals, automation allows HR functions to redirect attention from transactional activities to strategic activities such as talent strategy, organizational development, and HR analytics. Studies have documented substantial time savings from HR automation, with some organizations reporting 30 to 50 percent reductions in time spent on transactional HR tasks [12]. For listed enterprises, these efficiency gains translate directly into cost savings and improved operational performance.

Automation also significantly affects the overall employee experience in various important ways. Self-service portals and intelligent chatbots offer employees immediate access to a wide range of HR services, thereby reducing wait times and greatly improving convenience for users. When these automated systems are well-designed and user-friendly, they can enhance employee satisfaction and reduce frustration associated with cumbersome bureaucratic processes. For publicly listed enterprises that are actively seeking to attract and retain top talent, creating a positive employee experience supported by efficient and effective HR service delivery can serve as a crucial factor in establishing competitive positioning within talent markets. Ultimately, a streamlined and user-centered approach to HR automation not only benefits employees but also aligns with the strategic goals of organizations striving for excellence in workforce management.

However, automation also fundamentally transforms the nature of HR work. As routine activities are automated, the HR function shifts from administrative to strategic roles. This transformation requires HR professionals to develop new competencies in data analysis, technology management, vendor governance, and strategic consulting [12]. For listed enterprises, ensuring that HR functions have the necessary capabilities to operate effectively in an automated environment represents a significant organizational challenge. The automation of HR service delivery also raises questions about the future structure of the HR function.

Research has suggested that HR departments may become smaller but more strategic, with fewer professionals focused on administration and more focused on designing and governing AI systems [12]. This transformation has implications for HR career paths, compensation structures, and the overall role of HR in organizational decision-making.

4. Organizational Implications of AI Adoption

The adoption of AI in HRM has profound implications for organizational structure, capabilities, and relationships. This section explores these implications across three dimensions: changes in HR function structure, changes in workforce skill requirements, and changes in employee-employer relationships.

4.1. Changes in HR Function Structure

The adoption of AI in HRM is reshaping the structure of HR functions in listed enterprises. Traditional HR structures organized around functional silos—recruitment, compensation, development, employee relations—may be less effective in an AI-enabled environment where data flows across functional boundaries and decision-making is increasingly integrated [12].

Several structural changes have been observed in organizations that have successfully adopted AI in HR. First, data analytics functions have emerged within HR departments, with specialized roles in people analytics, HR data science, and workforce planning. For listed enterprises, these analytics functions support evidence-based decision-making and provide quantitative insights to investors and boards. The emergence of these functions reflects a shift from intuition-based to data-driven HR management.

Second, technology management roles have become increasingly prominent. HR departments now include positions focused on AI system selection, implementation, vendor management, and governance [12]. These roles require technical expertise that traditional HR professionals may lack, creating needs for new skill sets and hiring strategies. Some organizations have responded by creating hybrid roles that combine HR knowledge with technical expertise.

Third, the boundary between HR and IT functions has become more permeable. AI adoption requires close collaboration between HR and IT departments, with shared responsibility for system selection, data integration, security management, and system governance [12]. For listed enterprises, this collaboration must be managed carefully to ensure that HR systems meet both business requirements and regulatory standards. Some organizations have established cross-functional governance committees that include representatives from HR, IT, legal, compliance, and business units to oversee AI implementation.

4.2. Changes in Workforce Skill Requirements

AI adoption in HR both reflects and contributes to broader changes in workforce skill requirements across listed enterprises. For HR professionals themselves, new competencies are required. Research has identified digital literacy, data analysis capabilities, and algorithmic literacy as essential capabilities for HR professionals in AI-enabled organizations [12, 9]. HR professionals must now be able to interpret data insights, understand the capabilities and limitations of AI systems, manage AI vendors, and ensure that AI systems are used appropriately and ethically.

For the broader workforce, AI in HR affects skill requirements through its influence on recruitment, development, and performance management. AI recruitment tools may screen for digital competencies that were not previously emphasized. Performance management systems may identify skill gaps that require targeted development interventions. Learning and development platforms may recommend personalized learning paths based on AI analysis of skill needs and career trajectories.

These changes create both opportunities and challenges for listed enterprises. Organizations that effectively identify and develop the skills needed for AI-enabled work may gain competitive advantage in talent markets and operational performance. However, the pace of skill development may not keep pace with technological change, creating talent gaps that constrain AI adoption and organizational transformation. For listed enterprises, skill development represents a critical investment that must be managed strategically.

4.3. Changes in Employee-Employer Relationships

AI adoption affects the psychological contract between employees and employers—the unwritten expectations, assumptions, and obligations that govern the employment relationship. Several dimensions of this relationship are affected by AI adoption.

Trust represents a central concern. Employees who perceive that AI systems are used to monitor their behavior or evaluate their performance may experience reduced trust in employers [2]. Research has documented "algorithm aversion", where employees prefer human judgment even when algorithms are objectively more accurate [12]. For listed enterprises, maintaining employee trust is critical to productivity, retention, and organizational reputation. When trust erodes, organizations may experience increased turnover, reduced engagement, and difficulty attracting talent.

Fairness perceptions also matter significantly. Employees evaluate AI systems based on procedural justice—whether the processes by which decisions are made are fair and transparent—and distributive justice—whether outcomes are fair and equitable [2]. When AI systems are perceived as unfair, employees may reduce effort, seek alternative employment, or engage in collective action. For listed enterprises, unfair AI practices can lead to legal challenges, regulatory scrutiny, and reputational damage.

Transparency affects both trust and fairness perceptions. When employees understand how AI systems make decisions, have visibility into the data used, and have opportunities to contest or appeal decisions, they are more likely to perceive the system as fair [12]. For listed enterprises, designing transparent AI systems that provide explanation, appeal mechanisms, and human oversight represents both an ethical imperative and a practical necessity for maintaining productive employment relationships.

5. Countermeasures for Listed Enterprises

This section proposes countermeasures across four domains to help listed enterprises effectively manage the challenges and realize the opportunities associated with AI adoption in HRM.

5.1. Strategic Alignment of AI with HR Objectives

Effective AI adoption requires alignment between AI initiatives and HR strategic objectives. For listed enterprises, this alignment must be demonstrated to investors and boards who expect AI investments to contribute to measurable business results.

One countermeasure involves developing a clear AI strategy that articulates how AI tools will support specific HR outcomes. Rather than adopting AI technologies opportunistically or following industry trends, organizations should identify priority areas where AI can address significant business challenges or create substantial value [12]. This strategic approach helps ensure that AI investments yield measurable returns and that resources are focused on areas of highest potential impact.

A second countermeasure involves integrating AI adoption with broader HR transformation initiatives. AI should not be implemented in isolation but as part of a comprehensive effort to enhance HR effectiveness and efficiency [12]. This integration helps ensure that AI systems are designed to support HR processes rather than disrupt them, and that organizational change management addresses the full scope of transformation. For listed enterprises, integration also helps demonstrate that AI is not merely a technological add-on but a fundamental enabler of

HR strategy.

A third countermeasure involves establishing metrics to evaluate AI impact. Organizations should track not only efficiency metrics—such as time-to-hire, cost-per-hire, and administrative time savings—but also effectiveness metrics—such as quality-of-hire, employee retention, engagement, and diversity outcomes [9]. For listed enterprises, these metrics support communication with investors about the value created through AI adoption and provide evidence for regulatory compliance.

5.2. Ethical Governance Frameworks

Given the significant ethical risks associated with AI in HR, listed enterprises need robust governance frameworks to ensure responsible AI adoption. These frameworks should address bias, transparency, accountability, and human oversight.

Bias mitigation represents a critical governance priority. Organizations should implement processes to test AI systems for bias before deployment and monitor for bias during operation [2]. This includes examining training data for representativeness, testing model outputs for disparate impact across protected groups, and implementing safeguards when bias is detected. For listed enterprises, documented bias testing processes provide evidence of responsible AI governance and support legal defense if challenges arise.

Transparency requirements constitute another governance element. Organizations should establish policies about when and how AI systems are used in HR decisions. Employees and candidates should be informed when AI is involved in decisions affecting them [12]. For listed enterprises, transparency helps manage legal risk, supports stakeholder trust, and aligns with increasing regulatory expectations around algorithmic accountability.

Accountability mechanisms ensure that human oversight is maintained. Even when AI systems make recommendations, final decisions should remain with human managers who can override algorithmic outputs when appropriate [12]. Clear accountability structures should designate who is responsible for AI system outcomes. For listed enterprises, maintaining human accountability helps manage liability risk and ensures that organizational values and contextual considerations guide decisions.

Algorithmic auditing represents an emerging governance practice. Regular audits of AI systems—conducted either internally or by independent third parties—can identify performance issues, bias concerns, and compliance gaps [2]. For listed enterprises, independent audits provide assurance to boards, investors, and regulators about the quality of AI governance and help demonstrate commitment to responsible AI practices.

5.3. Workforce Reskilling Initiatives

The transformation of HR functions through AI adoption requires substantial investment in workforce reskilling. For listed enterprises, reskilling initiatives should target both HR professionals and the broader workforce.

For HR professionals, reskilling should address data analytics, technology management, and algorithmic literacy. HR professionals need capabilities to interpret data insights, manage AI vendors, oversee system implementation, and ensure that AI systems are used appropriately [12]. Research has found that the development of these capabilities is essential for realizing the benefits of AI in HR and that organizations that invest in HR professional development achieve better outcomes from AI adoption [12].

For the broader workforce, reskilling should address the changing nature of work in AI-enabled organizations. Employees need capabilities to work alongside AI systems, including understanding AI outputs, exercising judgment about when to rely on algorithmic recommendations, and developing skills that complement AI capabilities [9]. For listed enterprises, investing in workforce digital literacy supports both AI adoption effectiveness and employee engagement.

Reskilling initiatives should be structured as ongoing programs rather than one-time events. Given the rapid pace of AI development, continuous learning is essential. Organizations may establish internal training programs, partner with educational institutions, leverage AI-powered learning platforms to deliver personalized development content, or create career pathways that support skill development.

5.4. Hybrid Human-AI Work Design

Effective AI adoption requires designing work processes that leverage the complementary strengths of humans and AI systems. For listed enterprises, hybrid work design represents a strategic priority for maximizing the value of AI investments while managing associated risks.

Research has documented that hybrid human-AI models often outperform either humans or AI alone [12]. In recruitment, for example, AI can efficiently screen large volumes of applicants, while human recruiters can focus on candidate relationships, cultural fit assessment, and final selection decisions. In performance management, AI can identify patterns in performance data, while managers can provide contextual interpretation, developmental feedback, and coaching. In learning and development, AI can recommend personalized learning paths, while human mentors can provide guidance and support.

Designing effective hybrid work requires careful attention to the allocation of decision rights between humans and AI systems. Some decisions may be fully automated when they are routine and well-understood with low risk of adverse consequences. Others may be AI-assisted, with systems providing recommendations that humans can accept, modify, or override. Still others may remain human-only, where judgment, contextual understanding, and ethical considerations are paramount [12].

The design of human-AI interfaces also matters significantly. Systems should be designed to support human understanding and control, with clear explanations of AI recommendations, transparency about limitations, and opportunities for human input and override [2]. For listed enterprises, well-designed interfaces support both operational effectiveness and employee acceptance of AI systems.

6. Conclusion

6.1. Summary of Theoretical Contributions

This study has developed a comprehensive theoretical framework for understanding the impact of artificial intelligence on human resource management in listed enterprises and identifying appropriate countermeasures. Drawing upon the resource-based view, signaling theory, and sociotechnical systems theory, the framework identified three primary impact pathways: algorithmic decision-making in recruitment and selection, predictive analytics in performance management and retention, and automation in HR service delivery. The analysis explored organizational implications, including structural changes within HR functions, evolving workforce skill requirements, and transformations in employee-employer relationships. In response to these challenges, countermeasures were proposed across four domains: strategic alignment of AI with HR objectives, ethical governance frameworks, workforce reskilling initiatives, and hybrid human-AI work design.

The theoretical contributions of this study are threefold. First, the study provides a comprehensive analysis of AI impact pathways in the specific context of listed enterprises, addressing a significant gap in the existing literature that has largely focused on AI in HR generally without attention to the unique governance, disclosure, and stakeholder pressures faced by publicly traded companies. Second, the study applies established theoretical frameworks—RBV, signaling theory, and sociotechnical systems theory—to the emerging phenomenon of AI in HRM, demonstrating how these frameworks illuminate the opportunities and risks of AI adoption and providing a foundation for future research. Third, the study develops countermeasures that integrate strategic, governance, capability, and design perspectives, providing guidance for organizational practice that addresses the multidimensional nature of AI adoption challenges.

6.2. Implications for Practice

The framework developed in this study has several implications for managerial practice. For executives in listed enterprises, the framework suggests that AI adoption in HR requires strategic alignment with business objectives and integration with broader organizational transformation efforts. AI should not be viewed as merely a technological implementation but as a fundamental change in how human capital is managed and how value is created. Executives should ensure that AI investments are guided by clear strategic priorities and supported by appropriate governance structures.

For HR leaders, the framework emphasizes the importance of developing new capabilities in data analytics, technology management, and ethical governance. The transformation of HR from administrative to strategic functions requires investment in HR professional development, changes in HR organizational structure, and the development of new roles and competencies. HR leaders should advocate for resources to support these capability developments and should position HR as a strategic partner in AI adoption.

For boards and investors, the framework highlights the need for oversight of AI governance practices. The risks associated with algorithmic bias, transparency failures, and employee trust erosion require board attention comparable to other significant organizational risks. Boards should ensure that appropriate governance frameworks are in place, that AI systems are regularly audited, and that management has developed capabilities to manage AI-related risks.

6.3. Limitations and Future Research Directions

This study has several limitations that suggest directions for future research. As a theoretical study, it does not provide empirical evidence for the proposed framework. Future research should test the framework empirically, examining how AI adoption affects HR outcomes and organizational performance in listed enterprises.

Several specific research directions emerge from this study. First, research should examine the relationship between AI adoption and HR outcomes in listed enterprises. Do organizations that adopt AI for HR achieve improvements in recruitment quality, employee retention, and HR efficiency? What organizational factors moderate these relationships?

Second, research should examine the governance practices that support responsible AI adoption. What governance structures are most effective in managing algorithmic bias and transparency concerns? How do governance practices affect employee trust and acceptance of AI systems? What role do boards play in overseeing AI governance?

Third, research should examine the transformation of HR roles and capabilities. How do HR functions change as AI systems are adopted? What competencies do HR professionals need to be effective in AI-enabled organizations? How do organizations develop these competencies?

Fourth, research should examine the impact of AI adoption on employee outcomes. How do employees experience AI in HR processes? What factors influence employee acceptance or resistance to algorithmic management? How does AI in HR affect employee engagement, well-being, and retention?

Fifth, cross-country research could examine how institutional context affects AI adoption in HR. Differences in regulatory environments, cultural values, labor market structures, and stakeholder expectations may influence both the adoption patterns and the outcomes of AI in HR. Such research would provide valuable insights for multinational listed enterprises.

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