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This manuscript was aimed to determine the factors that influence consumer decision whether for stay back at the studied hotel. The idea of this manuscript is of interesting. The goal is clear and the methodology is appropriate. A number of concerns were raised during the evaluation. Revision is needed to make the manuscript valuable. The specific comments are as below.

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Page 3. (Section 3-1. Data collection)

In this research, consumers are classified based on their decision for staying back. To increase the reliability of the survey, rationally the foreign consumers should be excluded. However, the characteristics or criterion of the participants were not mentioned in the text.

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The discriminant analysis yields functions to classify the consumer accordingly. However, the correct classification rate (54.6%) is low. Is there any possible reason for the result? For example, whether the invalid questionnaires was not excluded or the investigated problem is too complex to explain. Please try to explore the reason for the low correct classification rate to have good practical value. Reviewer: 2

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where :

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(2)

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study aims to determine the factors that influence consumer staying back decision. Datas are collected through the questionnaires which are compiled and based on the model of "Seven Ps" (Product, Price, Promotion, Place, Physical Evidence, People, Process). There are three groups of consumer who are involved in the research, namely a group of consumer who decided to stay back, a group of consumers who might decide to stay back, and a group of consumers groups who decide not to stay back. Proposed improvements are given based on factors that simultaneously affect all three groups and are still considered unsatisfied.

3.1 Data Collection

Consumer information is obtained through questionnaires distributed to 130 local hotel guests. Foreign hotel guests are excluded in this survey with a consideration of differences in their assessment standard. Consumer are asked to rate the performance of the hotel based on the marketing mix variables, and a decision to stay back or not.

3.2. Research Model

The model used in this study is seen as follows:



Figure 1: Research Model

3.2.1. Consumer Performance Assessment and Interest Rate

Consumer performance assessment and interest rate for the hotel are done by using variables that are developed and based on the model 7Ps (Product, Price, Place, Promotion, People, Physical Evidence, and Process). (Zeithaml *et al.* 2013). The variables are :

VAR01: Diversity of room type

VAR02: Adequate room facilities

VAR03: Room facilities are functioning properly

VAR04: Other supporting facilities (meeting room, beauty spa, etc.)

VAR05: Food and beverages quality

VAR06: Hotel is easily reached with the help of GPS / signpost

VAR07: Ease in terms of transportation

VAR08: Adequate parking area

VAR09: Prices fit for a three-star resort hotel

VAR10: Discount for several rented rooms

VAR11: Promotion through print media

VAR12: Room cleanliness

VAR13: Good air circulation

VAR14: Security in the hotel

VAR15: Leisure in the hotel

VAR16: Beauty of surrounding

VAR17: Employee appearance

VAR18: Good room lighting

VAR19: Sports facilities

VAR20: Interesting interior design

VAR21: Recreational facilities

VAR22: Hotel landscaping

VAR23: Employee hospitality

VAR24: Employee responsiveness

VAR25: Ease of payment process

VAR26: Ease of booking process

VAR27: The speed of check in and check out process

The scales used for this question are:

Performance Assesment			Inte	Interest Rate			
1	:	Very Bad	1	:	Very Not Important		
2	:	Bad	2	:	Not Important		
3	:	Good	3	:	Important		
4	:	Very Good	4	:	Very Important		

3.2.2. Consumer Stay Back Decision

The data of consumer decision to stay back 1s obtained through the following questions: Do you want to stay back at Dago Resort Hotel?

The scale used for this question is:

- 1: Not interested
- 2: Probably
- 3: Assuredly

3.3. Data Processing

3.3.1 Discriminant Analysis

This method aims is to find independent variables that significantly affect and distinguish between groups of dependent variable.

Variables used in Discriminant Analysis is as follows:

- Independent Variables consisting of 27 variables on hotel performance assessment by consumer.
- Dependent Variable is decision to stay back from the consumer.

The data will be processed by using SPSS software.

3.3.2 Hypotesis Testing

Interest rate datas and Dago Resort Hotel's level of performance are processed together with two sample hypothesis testing to determine consumer's satisfactory level for each variable that is derived from Discriminant Analysis process.

4. RESULT

4.1 Assessing Variables' Feasibility for Discriminant Analysis

Initial Discriminant Analysis processing, will be find out any independent variables that significantly affect and distinguish between groups of consumer (not interested to stay back, probably stay back, and assuredly stay back). To assess the feasibility of independent variables used in Discriminant Analysis, tests are carried out as follows:

	Wilks'	F	df1	df2	Sig.
	Lambda				~ -8:
VAR01	1.000	.000	2	127	1.000
VAR02	.933	4.565	2	127	.012
VAR03	.988	.747	2	127	.476
VAR04	.995	.299	2	127	.742
VAR05	.994	.361	2	127	.698
VAR06	.983	1.099	2	127	.336
VAR07	.986	.898	2	127	.410
VAR08	.984	1.062	2	127	.349
VAR09	.999	.075	2	127	.928
VAR10	.908	6.447	2	127	.002
VAR11	.984	1.065	2	127	.348
VAR12	.999	.068	2	127	.934
VAR13	.959	2.684	2	127	.072
VAR14	.994	.399	2	127	.672
VAR15	.998	.144	2	127	.866
VAR16	.987	.810	2	127	.447
VAR17	.999	.073	2	127	.929
VAR18	.989	.710	2	127	.494
VAR19	.999	.043	2	127	.958
VAR20	.999	.094	2	127	.911
VAR21	.993	.456	2	127	.635
VAR22	.996	.271	2	127	.763
VAR23	.968	2.104	2	127	.126
VAR24	.992	.493	2	127	.612
VAR25	.987	.810	2	127	.447
VAR26	.989	.701	2	127	.498
VAR27	.989	.674	2	127	.511

Table 1: Tests of Equality of Group Means

The results in Table 1 show that only two of independent variables (VAR02, VAR10) have Sig.value < 0.05, which means that those variables are feasible for further processing due to significantly differentiate groups of consumer stay interest. The Wilks' Lambda value show the importance of independent variable to the discriminant function (a smaller value indicate more important).

4.2 Forming Variables for Discriminant Analysis

At the next stage of datas processing it appears that the discriminant function is only formed by two variables, namely VAR10 and VAR02 (Table 2), with significant value 0.002 and 0.001 (<0.05) (Table 3).

Store	Enterne d	Wilks' Lambda				
Step	Entered	Statistic	df1	df2	df3	
1	VAR10	.908	1	2	127.000	
2	VAR02	.864	2	2	127.000	

Table 2: Variables Entered

			0	
	Wilks' Lamb	da		
Step	Exact F			
	Statistic	df1	df2	Sig.
1	6.447	2	127.000	.002
2	4.783	4	252.000	.001

Table 3: Variables Significance

4.3 Discriminant Function for Discriminant Analysis

At this stage the model will be obtained and discriminant validity of the model determined.

Table 4: Chi Square								
Test of	Wilks'	C 1 ·	10	c.				
Function(s)	Lambda	Ch1-square	df	S1g.				
1 through 2	.864	18.513	4	.001				
2	.987	1.648	1	.199				

The results in Table 4 show that two discriminant functions are formed with Chi-square value of 18.513 and Sig. 0.001, which indicate there is a significantly differences in performance assessment for VAR02 and VAR 10 between 3 groups of consumer with different staying back decision.

Table 5: Canonical Discriminant Function Coefficients

	Function		
	1	2	
VAR02	.796	1.168	
VAR10	1.056	963	
(Constant)	-5.475	573	

Unstandardized coefficients

The results in Table 5 show that two discriminant functions are formed, which are : $ZScore_1 = -5,475 + (0,796VAR02) + (1,056VAR10)$ $ZSscore_2 = -0,573 + (1,168VAR02) + (-0,963VAR10)$

The two functions above can be used to predict consumers decision to stay back based on their performance assessment for VAR02 and VAR10. Higher variable value in each function shows how strong those variables in discriminating the groups. For the first function, VAR10 is stronger than VAR02, and for the second function VAR02 is stronger than VAR10.

4.4 Territorial Map for Discriminant Analysis

The Discriminant analysis results indicates that there are two variables that influence consumer staying back interest, which are VAR02 (adequate room facilities) and VAR10 (discount for several rented rooms).

Territorial map (Figure 2) showed the mapping of the boundaries of each consumer group by the Function 1 (X axis) and Function 2 (Y axis), and it can be used to predict consumer group based on their performance assessment score.

To determine the consumer group in territorial map, ZScore 1 will be plotted on the X axis and ZScore 2 will be plotted on the Y axis in the territorial map.



Figure 2: Territorial Map

Symbols used in territorial map Symbol Group Label

- 1 1 Not Interested
- 2 2 Possibly
- 3 3 Assuredly
- * Indicates a group centroid

Example :

A consumer who assesses the performance of VAR02 Very Good (4) and VAR10 Good (3), will generate discriminant score as follows:

ZS	Score _1
=	-5,475 + (0,796VAR02) + (1,168VAR10)
=	-5,475 + (0,796*4) + (1,168*3) = 1,213
ZS	Score_2
=	-0,573 + (1,168VAR02) + (-0,963VAR10)
=	-0,573 + (1,168*4) + (-0,963*3) = 1,21

Based on territorial map, consumer is included in area 3 (assuredly stay back).

4.5 Model Validity for Discriminant Analysis

			Predic	Predicted Group			
			Memb	Membership			
		Stay Interest	NI	Р	А	Total	
		NI	5	0	2	7	
	unt	Р	14	13	25	52	
	G	А	12	6	53	71	
al		NI	71.4	0	28.6	100.0	
gin		Р	26.9	25.0	48.1	100.0	
Ori	%	А	16.9	8.5	74.6	100.0	Interested

Table 6: Classification Results

NI=Not

P=possibly A=Assuredly

The results in Table 6 show how well the discriminant function work for each group of dependent variable. Cases classified correctly is 71,4% for Not Interested group, 25% for Possibly group, and 74,6% for Assuredly group. Overall, 54,6% of the cases are correctly classified. The lowest correct classification result is for "Possibly" group, thus resulting in a low overall classified value. Ideally, only middle value of VAR02 and VAR10 performance assessment should generate "Possibly" stay back decision, but there are some customers with a low or high assessment values who cannot decide whether to stay back or not in the future, so they choose "Possibly" answer. This consumers hesitancy will cause the low value of "Possibly" group classification result.

4.6 Group Statistics

Stay Interest	VAR	Mean	Standard Deviation				
Not Interacted	VAR02	2.2857	.48795				
Not Interested	VAR10	2.5714	.53452				
Doggibly	VAR02	2.8462	.72449				
russibly	VAR10	2.7500	.73764				
Accuradly	VAR02	3.0704	.72356				
Assureury	VAR10	3.1690	.69664				
Total	VAR02	2.9385	.73404				
10181	VAR10	2.9692	.73599				

Table 7: Group Statistics

The results in Table 7 show that consumer with low stay back interest tends to have low performance assessment result. The Total of 3 groups mean values both for VAR02 and VAR10 still are less than 3 (good category), which shows that both of variables must be improve by the hotel management.

4.7 Two-Sample Test of Hypotesis

The level of consumer satisfaction is known by comparing the average rate of interest with the average performance level for each variable derived from Discriminant Analysis process.

The hypotheses are :

Ho : $\Box_1 = \Box_2$

(No difference between consumer performance level with interest level, so that visitors are satisfied)

 $Hi: \Box_1 < \Box_2$

Region of table)

(Consumer performance level lower than interest level. so that visitors are dissatisfied)

Level of significance (\Box) : 0.05 Formula:

$$\mathbf{Z} = \frac{\overline{\mathbf{X}}_1 - \overline{\mathbf{X}}_2}{\sqrt{\mathbf{S}_1^2 / \mathbf{n}_1 + \mathbf{S}_2^2 / \mathbf{n}_2}}$$

rejection: Z < - 1.645 (taken from Normal distribution

ruble of Results of Hypothesis results							
Stay Interest	VAR	Z Value	Satisfaction				
Not Interested	VAR02	-4,178	Dissatisfied				
Not interested	VAR10	-1,732	Dissatisfied				
Descibly	VAR02	-1,731	Dissatisfied				
POSSIDIY	VAR10	-2,394	Dissatisfied				
A gauna dire	VAR02	0,000	Satisfied				
Assuredly	VAR10	1,355	Satisfied				

Table 8: Results of Hypothesis Testing

The results of Hypothesis Testing in Table 8 show that consumers in Not Interested group and Possibly group feel disstastified regarding with VAR02 and VAR10, yet only consumer in Assuredly group feel satisfied about those variables.

5. CONCLUSION

The research shows that there are two hotel performance factors (adequate room facilities and discount for several rented rooms) that influence customer decision to stay back in the future. Customer decision can be predicted by using two function formed by discriminant analysis which are : ZScore $_1 = -5,475 + (0,796VAR02) + (1,168VAR10)$ and ZScore $_2 = -0,573 + (1,168VAR02) + (-0,963VAR10)$. Based on validation results, the model validity is 54,6%, therefore discriminant function formed is considered quite appropriate to classify customers based on the performance assessment.

There is a clear difference between the performance assessment results from the three group of consumers (not interested in staying back, probably staying back, and assuredly staying back), consumer with high interest to stay back ("Assuredly" group) tend to have a higher assessment value and feel satisfied regarding the two variables of hotel performance, even though the average value of performance assessment from the three groups is still slightly below the expectedly good limit.

This research suggest enhancing the level of customer satisfaction for room facilities and discount rooms in order to increase consumers in "Assuredly" group. Based of field study, several marketing strategies that can be proposed to hotel management are : provide television with good image quality and variety channel selection in all room types; improve the speed and easiness of internet connection in all rooms and hotel environments; increase the number of rooms with connecting facilities, provide special discounts for several rented rooms by classifying discounts according to the number of rented rooms. Hotel management must constantly observe the level of customers satisfaction to provide the best service quality for them. Satisfied customers most likey will stay back and increase the occupancy rate of the hotel.

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Hypothesis testing is a procedure based on sample evidence and probability theory to determine whether the hypothesis is a reasonable statement.

After stating the null hypothesis (H₀) and the alternate hypothesis (H₁), a level of significance (\Box) and the appropriated test statistics are selected, then a decision can be made based on a decision rule.

Testing for two-independent samples are :

$$Z = \frac{\overline{X}_{1} - \overline{X}_{2}}{\sqrt{\frac{S_{1}^{2}}{n_{1}} + \frac{S_{2}^{2}}{n_{2}}}}$$
(2)

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study aims to determine the factors that influence consumer staying back decision. Datas are collected through questionnaires which are compiled and based on the model of "Seven Ps" (Product, Price, Promotion, Place, Physical Evidence, People, Process). There are three groups of consumers who are involved in the research, namely a group of consumers who decide to stay back, a group of consumers who might decide for stay back, and a group of consumers who decide not to stay back. Proposed improvements are given based on factors that simultaneously affect all three groups and are still considered unsatisfied.

3.1 Data Collection

Consumer information is obtained through questionnaires distributed to 130 local hotel guests. Foreign hotel guests are excluded in this survey with a consideration of differences in their assessment standard. Consumers are asked to rate the performance of the hotel based on the marketing mix variables, and a decision to stay back or not.

3.2. Research Model

The model used in this study is seen as follows:



Figure 1: Research Model

3.2.1. Consumer Performance Assessment and Interest Rate

Consumer performance assessment and interest rate for the hotel are done by using variables that are developed and based on the model 7Ps (Product, Price, Place, Promotion, People, Physical Evidence, and Process). (Zeithaml *et al.* 2013). The variables are :

VAR01: Diversity of room type

VAR02: Adequate room facilities

VAR03: Room facilities are functioning properly

VAR04: Other supporting facilities (meeting room, beauty spa, etc.)

VAR05: Food and beverages quality

VAR06: Hotel is easily reached with the help of GPS / signpost

VAR07: Ease in terms of transportation

VAR08: Adequate parking area

VAR09: Prices fit for a three-star resort hotel

VAR10: Discount for several rented rooms

VAR11: Promotion through print media

VAR12: Room cleanliness

VAR13: Good air circulation

VAR14: Security in the hotel

VAR15: Leisure in the hotel

VAR16: Beauty of surrounding

VAR17: Employee appearance

VAR18: Good room lighting

VAR19: Sports facilities

VAR20: Interesting interior design

VAR21: Recreational facilities

VAR22: Hotel landscaping

VAR23: Employee hospitality

VAR24: Employee responsiveness

VAR25: Ease of payment process

VAR26: Ease of booking process

VAR27: The speed of check in and check out process

The scales used for this question are:

Performance Assesment

- 1 : Very Bad
- 2 : Bad

3 : Good

Interest Rate

- 1 : Very Not Important
- 2 : Not Important
- 3 : Important

4 : Very Good

4 : Very Important

3.2.2. Consumer Stay Back Decision

The data of consumer decision to stay back is obtained through the following questions: Do you want to stay back to Dago Resort Hotel?

The scale used for this question includes:

- 1: Not interested
- 2: Probably
- 3: Assuredly

3.3. Data Processing

3.3.1 Discriminant Analysis

This method aims to find independent variables that significantly affect and distinguish between groups of dependent variable.

Variables used in Discriminant Analysis is as follows:

- Independent Variables consisting of 27 variables on hotel performance assessment by consumers.
- Dependent Variable is decision to stay back from the consumers.

The data will be processed by using SPSS software.

3.3.2 Hypotesis Testing

Interest rate data and Dago Resort Hotel level of performance are processed together with two sample hypothesis testings to determine the consumer satisfactory level for each variable that is derived from Discriminant Analysis process.

4. RESULT

4.1 Assessing Variables' Feasibility for Discriminant Analysis

Initial Discriminant Analysis processing will find out any independent variables that significantly affect and distinguish between groups of consumers (not interested to stay back, probably stay back, and assuredly stay back). To assess the feasibility of independent variables used in Discriminant Analysis, tests are carried out as follows:

Table 1: Tests of Equality of Group Means

	Wilks' Lambda	F	df1	df2	Sig.
VAR01	1.000	.000	2	127	1.000
VAR02	.933	4.565	2	127	.012
VAR03	.988	.747	2	127	.476
VAR04	.995	.299	2	127	.742
VAR05	.994	.361	2	127	.698
VAR06	.983	1.099	2	127	.336
VAR07	.986	.898	2	127	.410
VAR08	.984	1.062	2	127	.349
VAR09	.999	.075	2	127	.928
VAR10	.908	6.447	2	127	.002
VAR11	.984	1.065	2	127	.348
VAR12	.999	.068	2	127	.934
VAR13	.959	2.684	2	127	.072
VAR14	.994	.399	2	127	.672
VAR15	.998	.144	2	127	.866
VAR16	.987	.810	2	127	.447
VAR17	.999	.073	2	127	.929
VAR18	.989	.710	2	127	.494
VAR19	.999	.043	2	127	.958
VAR20	.999	.094	2	127	.911
VAR21	.993	.456	2	127	.635
VAR22	.996	.271	2	127	.763
VAR23	.968	2.104	2	127	.126
VAR24	.992	.493	2	127	.612
VAR25	.987	.810	2	127	.447
VAR26	.989	.701	2	127	.498
VAR27	.989	.674	2	127	.511

The results in Table 1 show that only two independent variables (VAR02, VAR10) have Sig.value < 0.05, which means that those variables are feasible for further processing due to the significantly differentiate groups of consumer stay interest. The Wilks' Lambda value shows the importance of independent variable to the discriminant function (a smaller value indicates more important).

4.2 Forming Variables for Discriminant Analysis

At the next stage of data processing, it appears that the discriminant function is only formed by two variables, namely VAR10 and VAR02 (Table 2), with a significant value of 0.002 and 0.001 (<0.05) (Table 3).

Store	Entered	Wilks' Lambda				
Step		Statistic	df1	df2	df3	
1	VAR10	.908	1	2	127.000	
2	VAR02	.864	2	2	127.000	

Table 2: V	/ariables	Entry
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Table 3: Variables Significance

	Wilks' Lambda					
Step	Exact F					
	Statistic	df1	df2	Sig.		
1	6.447	2	127.000	.002		
2	4.783	4	252.000	.001		

4.3 Discriminant Function for Discriminant Analysis

At this stage, the model will be obtained while the discriminant validity of the model determined.

Table 4. Clii Squale					
Test of	Wilks'				
Function(s)	Lambda	Chi-square	df	Sig.	
1 through 2	.864	18.513	4	.001	
2	.987	1.648	1	.199	

The results in Table 4 show that two discriminant functions are formed with Chi-square value of 18.513 and Sig. 0.001, which indicates that there is a significantly difference in the performance assessment for VAR02 and VAR 10 between 3 groups of consumers with different staying back decisions.

	Functior	Function		
	1	2		
VAR02	.796	1.168		
VAR10	1.056	963		
(Constant)	-5.475	573		

Table 5: Canonical Discriminant Function Coefficients

The results in Table 5 show that two discriminant functions are formed, namely :

 $ZScore _1 = -5,475 + (0,796VAR02) + (1,056VAR10)$ $ZSscore_2 = -0,573 + (1,168VAR02) + (-0,963VAR10)$

The two functions above can be used to predict consumer decision to stay back based on their performance assessment for VAR02 and VAR10. Higher variable value in each function shows how strong those variables in discriminating the groups. For the first function, VAR10 is stronger than VAR02, and for the second function VAR02 is stronger than VAR10.

4.4 Territorial Map for Discriminant Analysis

The Discriminant analysis results indicate that there are two variables that influence consumer staying back interest, which are VAR02 (adequate room facilities) and VAR10 (discount for several rented rooms).

Territorial map (Figure 2) shows the mapping of the boundaries of each consumer group by the Function 1 (X axis) and Function 2 (Y axis), and it can be used to predict consumer group based on their performance assessment score.

Unstandardized coefficients

To determine the consumer group in territorial map, Z Score 1 will be plotted on the X axis and Z Score 2 will be plotted on the Y axis in the territorial map.





Symbols used in territorial map are: Symbol Group Label

- 1 1 Not Interested
- 2 2 Possibly
- 3 3 Assuredly
- * Indicates a group centroid

Example :

A consumer who assesses the performance of VAR02 Very Good (4) and VAR10 Good

(3), will generate discriminant score as follows:

ZScore _1 = -5,475 + (0,796VAR02) + (1,168VAR10)= -5,475 + (0,796*4) + (1,168*3) = 1,213

 $ZScore_2 = -0,573 + (1,168VAR02) + (-0,963VAR10) = -0,573 + (1,168*4) + (-0,963*3) = 1,21$

Based on the territorial map, consumers are included in area 3 (assuredly stay back).

4.5 Model Validity for Discriminant Analysis

			Predicted Group Membership				
		Stay Interest	NI	Р	А	Total	
		NI	5	0	2	7	
	unt	Р	14	13	25	52	
	Col	А	12	6	53	71	
al		NI	71.4	0	28.6	100.0	1
gin		Р	26.9	25.0	48.1	100.0	
Ori	%	А	16.9	8.5	74.6	100.0	Interested

Table 6: Classification Results

P=Possibly A=Assuredly

NI=Not

The results in Table 6 show how well the discriminant function works for each group of dependent variable. Cases classified correctly are 71.4% for Not Interested group, 25% for Possibly group, and 74.6% for Assuredly group. Overall, 54.6% of the cases are correctly classified. The lowest correct classification result is for "Possibly" group, thus resulting in a low overall classified value. Ideally, only the middle value of VAR02 and VAR10 performance assessment should generate "Possibly" stay back decision, but there are some customers with low or high assessment values who cannot decide whether to stay back or not in the future, so they choose "Possibly" answer. This consumer hesitancy will cause the low value of "Possibly" group classification result.

4.6 Group Statistics

Table	7: Group Statistics	

Stay Interest	VAR	Mean	Standard Deviation	
Not Interested	VAR02	2.2857	.48795	
Not Interested	VAR10	2.5714	.53452	
Deggible	VAR02	2.8462	.72449	
Possibly	VAR10	2.7500	.73764	
A gauna dlar	VAR02	3.0704	.72356	
Assurealy	VAR10	3.1690	.69664	
Tatal	VAR02	2.9385	.73404	
10181	VAR10	2.9692	.73599	

The results in Table 6 show that consumers with low stay back interest tend to have a low performance assessment result. The total of 3 groups means that values both for VAR02 and VAR10 still are less than 3 (good category), which shows that both variables must be improved by the hotel management.

4.7 Two-Sample Test of Hypotesis

The level of consumer satisfaction is known by comparing the average rate of interest with the average performance level for each variable derived from Discriminant Analysis process.

The hypotheses are :

Ho: $\Box_1 = \Box_2$

(No difference between consumer performance level with interest level, therefore visitors are satisfied)

 $Hi: \Box_1 < \Box_2$

(Consumer performance level is lower than interest level, therefore visitors are dissatisfied)

Level of significance (\Box) : 0.05 Formula:

$$Z = \frac{\overline{X}_1 - \overline{X}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{S_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{S_2^2}{n_2}}}$$

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rejection: Z < -1.645 (taken from Normal distribution

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Stay Interest	VAR	Z Value	Satisfaction		
Not Interested	VAR02	-4,178	Dissatisfied		
Not interested	VAR10	-1,732	Dissatisfied		
Dessibly	VAR02	-1,731	Dissatisfied		
POSSIDIY	VAR10	-2,394	Dissatisfied		
Acquiradly	VAR02	0,000	Satisfied		
Assureury	VAR10	1,355	Satisfied		

Table 8: Results of Hypothesis Testing

The results of Hypothesis Testing in Table 6 show that consumers in Not Interested group and Possibly group feel disstastified regarding VAR02 and VAR10, yet only consumers in Assuredly group feel satisfied with those variables.

5. CONCLUSION

The research shows that there are two hotel performance factors (adequate room facilities and discounts for several rented rooms) that influence customer decision to stay back in the future. Customer decision can be predicted by using two function formed by discriminant analysis which are : ZScore $_1 = -5,475 + (0,796VAR02) + (1,168VAR10)$ and ZScore $_2 = -0,573 + (1,168VAR02) + (-0,963VAR10)$. Based on validation results, the model validity is 54.6%, therefore the discriminant function formed is considered quite appropriate to classify customers based on the performance

assessment.

There is a clear difference between the performance assessment results from the three group of consumers (not interested in staying back, probably staying back, and assuredly staying back), consumers with high interest for stay back ("Assuredly" group) tend to have a higher assessment value and feel satisfied regarding the two variables of the hotel performance, even though the average value of performance assessment from the three groups is still slightly below the expectedly good limit.

This research suggests enhancing the level of cusomer satisfaction for room facilities and discount rooms in order to increase consumers in "Assuredly" group. Based of the field study, several marketing strategies that can be proposed to hotel management are : provide television with good image quality and variety channel selection in all room types; improve the speed and easiness of Internet connection in all rooms and hotel environments; increase the number of rooms with connecting facilities, provide special discounts for several rented rooms by classifying discounts according to the number of rented rooms. Hotel management must constantly observe the level of customer satisfaction to provide the best service quality for them. Satisfied customers most likey will stay back and increase the occupancy rate of the hotel.

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