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# Job Satisfaction and Turnover Intention of higher Education Academicians: Moderating Role of CSI

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Purpose: objective is to investigate buffering role of cognitive style on JS and TI. Survey was conducted for data collection. 502 completed questionnaires are returned. Correlation analysis and Hierarchical regression is used to test moderation. Further interaction plots are also plotted. The results obtained from the analysis explained that analytical and intuition does act as moderator on few variables. Analytical acts as moderator on variables i.e. supervisor, coworkers and salary while does not act as moderator on other variables e.g. work, work environment. While intuition does not act as moderator on supervisor, co-workers, work environment and work but acts as moderator on salary. The cognitive style decision making need awareness by the practitioners in seminars and workshop so the individuals came to know their preferred way of decision making style. The results of the paper are helpful for the education industry to make policies for academicians to help them making decisions and to decide and motivate to increase the satisfaction from work by giving them less work load.

**KEYWORDS:** Job Satisfaction, Decision Making, Degree Awarding Institutions

### 1 | INTRODUCTION

Previous research shows that the employees who are happy with their jobs, they are more productive than those employees who are not happy with their jobs, therefore; the success of organization is dependent on satisfaction of their employees (Lise& Judge, 2004). Every organization wants to see their employees to be hard working, more productive and committed (Shah & Jalees,,2004.,Tsigilis et al., 2006). Organizations measuring job satisfaction at regular interval of time (Beyth-Marom et al.,2006., Sattar et al., 2010). There are many facets of job satisfaction but in this study few and limited factors are taken into consideration because other factors are already studied in author's other papers (Mughal et al., 2017; Williams & Sandler, 1995., Stacey, 1998). Different ideas have been applied by authors such as psychographic demographic, individual and organizational factors (Sokoya,2000), interesting tasks, awards and flexible working hours to control intention to quit (Dessler,2005., DeVane& Sandy,2003., Marion,2001., Naval &Srivastava, 2004).



Turnover intention or intention to quit is among a famous topic studied in the discipline of management (Brown, 1996). There is a variety of factors that believed to influence turnover intention. Job satisfaction is one of the factors that may influence turnover intention. It is believed that job satisfaction and turnover intention are linked strongly but turnover is mental process that is linked with cognitive style decision (Sadler-Smith, 1999a).

A preferred way of an individual to collect information and how he/she process it is called cognitive style .Allinson & Hayes (1996) introduced two ways of processing information and making decision i.e. analytical and intuition cognitive styles. According to Allinson & Hayes (1996) analytical style refers to logical thinking while intuition refers to immediate judgments, decision making on the basis of past experiences is called intuition style. Judge and Klinger (2009) suggested that cognitive style is most overlooked in the studies of job satisfaction and it should be used as moderator in the studies of job satisfaction in order to fill the theoretical gap. The importance of cognitive style to add in this study is to help the employees and managers to make right decisions when they are in critical situation whether to stay on job or leave. The cognitive style decision making introduced by Allinson & Hayes (1996) help the academicians to make decisions.

### 2 | LITERATURE REVIEW

Short briefing on variables used in this study are discussed. As decision making is very important in the organizations and it is also proved from past research that participation in decision making can increase satisfaction and reduce turnover intention. In further section discussion about job satisfaction followed by turnover intention and cognitive style will help the readers to better understand all these concepts.

Job Satisfaction consist of Salary, Promotion, supervisor, colleagues, work, work environment and job security (Busari et al., 2017). In this study aim is to find the relationship between job satisfaction and turnover with moderating effect of cognitive style while targeting higher education institutions or degree awarding institutions.

It is mentioned in the dictionary of Oxford in South Africa (2004) that lot of efforts and energy is needed to complete the job. Also Locke and Lutham (2000) and Bas & Ardic (2002) claimed that when employees are satisfied from their job then they will involve and engage in the work and this shows their positive attitude towards job when employees started getting less involved in job and started getting leaves and comes late at work it is their negative attitude and it shows they are not happy. When employees are happy from any aspect of job this is their positive perception about job (Malik. et al., 2010., Sattar et al., 2010; DeVane& Sandy, 2003., Luthans, 2005).

#### Theory of work Satisfaction Dispositional Approach

In this Judge & Klimger(2009) have introduced the dispositional approach of job satisfaction. They gave more importance to the cognition aspect need to add in the theory and study of job satisfaction. In addition to this, later on after short time Judge & Larsen (2001) also suggested model of job satisfaction and introduced cognitive style as moderator in the model of job satisfaction. So this study has added cognitive style. It has two dimensions analytical and intuition and added as moderator.



#### **Turnover Intention in Higher Education Institutions**

In Pakistan as developing country cannot afford turnover intention because direct and indirect cost is associated with-it. So there is need to reduce turnover of lecturers in Pakistani universities. If it is reduced it will increase the retention of employees, increase satisfaction and reduce turnover intention. There are two types of turnover voluntary and involuntary turnover intention. In this study focus iss given on voluntary turnover intention (Mughal & Busari, 2015).

#### **Cognitive Style Decision Making**

In 1996 two researchers introduced the CSI used for decision making and problem solving. According to them human brain has two parts one is left called analytical logical and rational thinking while other is right brain which is called intuition which comes after experience, judgment, feeling and emotions. In this study cognitive style index has been used because from previous research Busari et al., (2017) conducted study on facet of job satisfaction and turnover intention by using cognitive style as moderator and found that yes decision making is acting as moderator. Because when employees will be allowed to take part in decision making it will increase in satisfaction and reduce the turnover intention (Mugha et al., 2017). For this purpose cognitive style index is used in this study because its reliability, validity is mentioned in previous studies.

#### Relationship between Job Satisfaction, Turnover Intention and Analytical and Intuition Cognitive Styles

Leybourne & Sadler-Smith (2006) used intuition as mediator and found significant results in the study. In addition, Richetin et al (2007) used intuition as moderator and found that yes it acts as a moderator. In line with previous studies it is found that intuition in this study is not acting as a moderator.

Among decision making styles CS is considered as most authentic and reliable one that is why it is recommended by researchers (Mughal and Busari (2014; Allinson and Hayes, 1996) which is in use since last three decades in decision making. Past studies have used this style (Mughal and Busari 2015; Busari and Mughal (2017) and found it works as predictor and moderating constructs.

It means that decision making is very important factor for increasing the job satisfaction and reducing the turnover intention. It is clear from the previous studies that when organizations allow their employees to participate in decision making it will make sense of belongingness and loyal to their organization they feel valued and important for organizations in turn it increases job satisfaction and reduces turnover intention. Moreover Busari, Mughal, Khan, Rasool and Kiyani (2017) conducted study on the relationship between promotion and turnover intention with moderating effect of analytical style and found that analytical does act as moderator on the relationship between promotion factor and turnover intention. There is positive relationship found between promotion and analytical style while negative relationship is reported between promotion and intuition style The findings revealed that these studies are new and got support from Mughal, Busari and Saeed (2017), in this study salary was positively related with analytical style while negatively related with intuition style it means that there is direct relationship between salary



and analytical style while indirect relationship between intuition and salary and still other factors of job satisfaction such as supervisor. Co-workers, work environment, salary and work need to be explored with moderating effect of analytical and intuition cognitive style. So on the basis of above discussion following hypotheses are developed.

#### Hypotheses, Model and Data

H1: predictors, criterion and moderating variables are significantly related.

H2: analytical and intuition moderates' supervisor, coworker, work environment, work, salary and turnover intention.

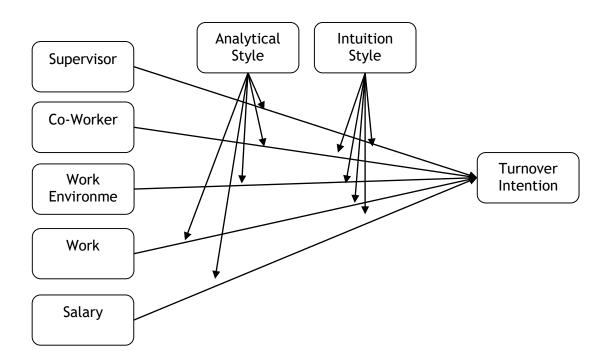


Figure 1 Theoretical Framework

# 3 | RESEARCH METHODS

### Research Design

A quantitative survey questionnaire based was used for collecting the data. The benefit of survey is that data can be collected in less time. Less cost and huge number of data is collected from big population in less time (Creswell,2009).

#### Sample and procedure

Non probability sampling technique in which purposive sampling technique is used for determining the sample. Total 2793 lecturers are working in kpk state. Out of which using Yamane (1967) formula was used for taking sample size for this study. Total sample size given was 350 but this is minimum sample size so researcher has





distributed 700 questionnaires out of which 502 questionnaires are collected back and used in this study. Representing almost more than 70% response rate.

#### Measures

All the instruments were adopted in this study. For job satisfaction seven items job satisfaction survey is adopted from Mughal et al., (2017) while for turnover three items questionnaire was adopted from Mughal et al (2017) but for CSI cognitive style index was adopted from Allinson and Hayes (1996). For job satisfaction and turnover intention were measured using fove point liker scale 1 stands for strongly disagree, 2 stands for disagree, three stands for neutral, 4 stands for agree and five stands for strongly agree. But for CSI cognitive style index 21 items were about analytical 2 stands for true, 1 stands for uncertain and 0 stands for false while for intuition rating is given in reverse 0 stands for true, 1 stands for uncertain and 2 stands for false

### 4 | RESULTS

Since the nature of study is exploratory so researcher has decided to keep all the items for the analysis, although the reliability results has identified number of factors which are problematic because of low item total correlation. To test whether the data is comparable to Allinson and Hayes (1996) factor structure. In first stage is whether data set are suitable for factor analysis, Sampling adequacy KMO measures show that common variance exist among the variables (0.625). BTS for lecturers shows significant value for (3153.628, P<.001), meaningful pattern were produced in all rotations indicating that analytic and intuitive does not necessarily rule each other as theory suggests. The outcomes in PCA discovered eight eigen values more than 1, accounting for 58.825% of the difference with scree test demonstrating an in flex after 2 (See Table). This information was taken by rotation using promax method with past results that CSI components are corresponded (Hodgkinson & Sadler-smith, 2003) and it is concluded to separate the information into two element 1) analytical cognitive style, 2) intuitive cognitive style. In Table shown a that twelve questions fall under factor one and six questions falls under factor two and those questions are shown in the Table which loading are greater than 0.4. Twelve questions falls on analytic factor and six questions fall under intuition factor.

For job satisfaction the sample size was 502 and KMO value was 0.775 (Tabncnik & Fidell, 2007) and BTS was (975.052, p<.001), and eigen values more than 1.0, accounting for 58.927% of the variance. From the scree plot shown, it is concluded that only two factor of job satisfaction should be retained Table shows the outcome for PCA (promax) for higher education institutions lecturers. Questions whose factor loading of factor analysis have values higher than 0.4 are presented in Table . F1 represents colleague"s supervisor and satisfaction, and factor 2 represents the work environment, promotion, and salary while work was deleted or dropped because of the low factor loading. For job satisfaction principal component analysis was used in factor analysis, 7 items, those questions fulfilled the criteria (informants=502, facets=7). For turnover intention there is no need to rotate the factor because of having three items (Cencki & Otken, 2014). Initial unrotated loading are given in the Table.



Table 1 Pattern Matrix<sup>a</sup>

	CS Comp	onent	JS		TI
	F1	F2	F1	F2	F1
A26	.618			_	-
A5	.568				
A22	.556				
A28	.514				
A2	.508				
A14	.475				
A15	.474				
A9	.469				
A23	.468				
A10	.460				
A19	.440				
A13	.405				
I7		.458			
I35		.457			
I37		.442			
I36		.418			
I31		.415			
I34		.412			
JS2			.867		
JS3			.827		
JS1			.732	.430	
JS5				.800	
JS4				.790	
JS6				.709	
					.850
TI1					.868
TI2					.819
TI3					



Table 2 presents correlations among the variables. As expected supervisor is negatively but significantly related with turnover intention i.e. (r = -0.275, p < 0.05), examination of the relationship between supervisor analytical and intuition revealed positive and significant relationship between supervisor and analytical and negative significant relationship between supervisor and intuition i.e. (r = 0.297, p < 0.05, r = -0.186, p < 0.05) respectively. Further examination of the relationship between colleagues and turnover intention revealed negative significant relationship i.e. (r = -0.208, p < 0.05) further relationship between colleagues, and analytical is found positive and significant but weak negative and significant relationship between supervisor and intuition i.e. (r=0.159, p<0.05, r=-0.090, p<0.05)respectively), further examination of data revealed that there is negative and significant relationship between work environment and turnover intention but insignificant relationship between work environment, analytical and intuition i.e. (r = -0.419, p < 0.05, r = 0.032, P > 0.05, r = -0.010, p > 0.05 respectively), further investigation of data revealed that work and turnover intention are negatively inversely related with each other i.e. (r = -0.191, p < 0.05) also it is further noted that work is not related significantly with analytical but significantly related with intuition i.e. (r = 0.077, p > 0.05, p > 0.05)r = 0.217, p < 0.05 respectively). Further salary is inversely related with turnover intention also salary is positively related with analytical but negative related with intuition i.e. (r = -0.405, p < 0.05, r = 0.147, p < 0.05, r = -0.140, p < 0.05)respectively), finally analytical and intuition are negatively related with turnover intention i.e. (r = -0.161, p < 0.05, r = -0.05, r = -0.05)0.094,p<0.05 respectively), all above association supported hypotheses 1.

Table 2 Correlation Matrix

Correlations								
			Analytic					
	supervisor	Colleagues	Work Eni	work	Salary	al	Intuition Turnover	
supervisor								
Colleagues	.585**							
Work Envi	.278**	.314**						
work	005	028	.003					
Salary	.237**	.215**	.422**	.000				
Analytical	.297**	.159**	.032	.077	.147**			
Intuition	186**	090*	010	.217**	140**	161**		
Γurnover	275**	208**	419**	191**	405**	094*	041	

<sup>\*\*.</sup> Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

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Next, hierarchical multiple regression were conducted to test our hypotheses. On left side of table analytical style is used as moderator between independent variables and dependent variables and on right side of Table 3 intuition is used as moderator between independent and dependent variables. First examination of moderation results of analytical style were investigated on supervisor and turnover intention it is found that analytical does act as moderator because  $\Delta R^2$  and interaction term were statistically significant Table 3. But when intuition was used as moderator between supervisor and turnover intention it does not acts as moderator because  $\Delta R^2$  and interaction term were not statistically significant. So a hypothesis 2 is accepted but a hypothesis 3 is rejected.

Next, analytical and intuition style is used as moderator to test hypotheses 4 and 5, on the relationship between co-workers and turnover intention it is found that  $\Delta R^2$  and interaction term were statistically significant for analytical but not significant for intuition it means that hypothesis 4 is accepted and 5 is rejected. Additional examination of moderation results revealed that analytical and intuition styles does not act as moderator on the relationship between work environment and turnover intention because  $\Delta R^2$  and interaction term were not statistically significant. Further examination of data also revealed that analytical and intuition styles also does not act as moderator on the relationship between work and turnover intention. So hypotheses 6,7,8 and 9 are rejected. But analytical and intuition styles does act as moderator on the relationship between salary and turnover intention because  $\Delta R^2$  and interaction term were statistically significant. So hypotheses 10 is accepted.



Table 3 Hierarchical Regression

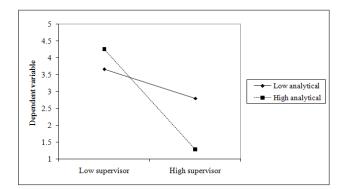
		<b>Turnover Intention</b>					Turnover Intention		
		Model1	Model2	Model3			Model1	Model2	Model3
Step 1	Supervisor	275**	271**	297**	Step 1	Supervisor	275**	293**	305**
Step2	analytical		013	072	Step2	Intuition		096*	095*
Step3	Interaction			207**	Step3	Interaction			.055
	$\mathbb{R}^2$	0.076	0.076	0.114		$\mathbb{R}^2$	.076	.085	.087
	$\Delta R^2$			0.038		$\Delta R^2$			.003
Step 1	Co-worker	208**	198**	242**	Step 1	Co-worker	208**	213**	219**
Step2	Analytical		062	150	Step2	Intuition		060	063
Step3	Interaction			308**	Step3	Interaction			.038
	$\mathbb{R}^2$	.043	.047	.131		$\mathbb{R}^2$	.043	.047	.048
	$\Delta R^2$			.084		$\Delta R^2$			.001
Step 1	WE	419**	416 **	421**	Step 1	WE	419**	419**	418**
Step2	Analytical		080 *	074	Step2	Intuition		046	046
Step3	Interaction			045	Step3	Interaction			015
	$\mathbb{R}^2$	.175	.182	.184		$\mathbb{R}^2$	.175	.177	.177
	$\Delta R^2$			.002		$\Delta R^2$			.000
Step 1	work	191**	185 **	185**	Step 1	work	191	191	.190
Step2	Analytical		079	082	Step2	Intuition		.000	.001
Step3	Interaction			007	Step3	Interaction			.005
	$\mathbb{R}^2$	.036	.043	.043		$\mathbb{R}^2$	.036	.036	.036
	$\Delta R^2$			.000		$\Delta R^2$			.000
Step1	Salary	405	400	393	Step 1	salary	405	419	425
Step2	Analytical		035	079	Step2	Intuition		100	108
Step3	Interaction			160	Step3	Interaction			.140
	$\mathbb{R}^2$	.164	.165	.189		$\mathbb{R}^2$	.164	.174	.193
	$\Delta R^2$			.024		$\Delta R^2$			.020

In order to interpret the interactions, all two-way interactions were plotted, with cut values of one standard deviation below the mean and one standard deviation above the mean on each moderator variable. The first plot



revealed that negative effect of supervisor on turnover intention was stronger among employees with high analytical decision making power of supervisor (See Figure 1). This plot is consistent with hypothesis 1. The second plot revealed that there is no interaction shown by moderator intuition on supervisor and turnover intention in the figure (See Figure 2). This plot is consistent with hypothesis2. Further third plot revealed that negative effect of co-workers on turnover intention was stronger among employees with their high analytical decision power (See Figure 3). This plot is consistent with hypothesis 3. Fourth plot revealed that there is no moderating effect of intuition on co-workers and turnover intention (See Figure 4). This plot is consistent with hypothesis 4. Fifth and sixth plot revealed that there is no moderating effect of analytical decision style and intuition style on work environment and turnover intention (See Figure 5.6). These plots are consistent with hypotheses 5 and 6. Further examination of plots revealed that there is no moderating effect of analytical and intuition style on work and turnover intention (See Figure 7 & 8). These plots are consistent with hypotheses 7 and 8. But there is moderating effect of analytical style on salary and turnover intention. Ninth plot revealed that analytical does act as moderator on salary and turnover intention. Salary has stronger effect on turnover of employees with high analytical decision power (See Figure 9). This plot is consistent with hypothesis 9. Also salary has effect on turnover intention with low intuition decision style. Low level of intuition effect turnover intention and salary relationship. It means that when there is more experience there is more intuition and this intuition style with high salaries reduces turnover intention. (See Fig 10). This plot is consistent with hypothesis 10.

#### Interaction



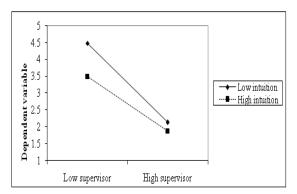
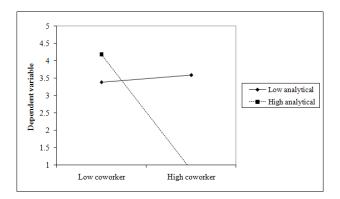


Figure 2: Supervisor Analytical Turnover Interaction Figure 3: Supervisor Intuition Turnover



### **Turnover Interaction**



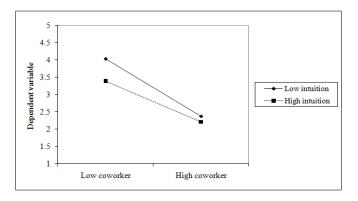
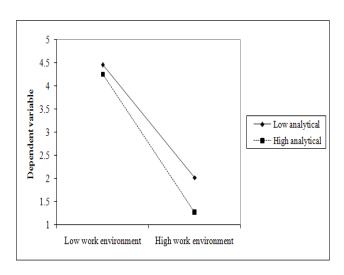


Fig 4 Coworker Analytical Turnover

Figure 5: Co-worker Intuition

### **Turnover Interaction**



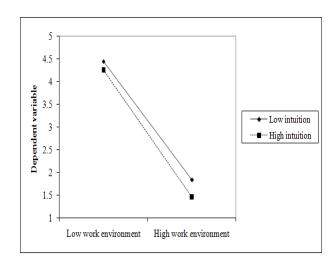


Figure6: Work Environment Analytical Turnover Interaction

Figure 7: Work Environment Intuition



#### Interaction

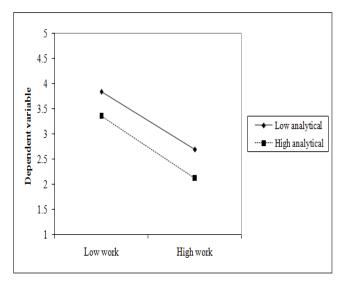


Figure 8: Work Analytical Turnover Interaction

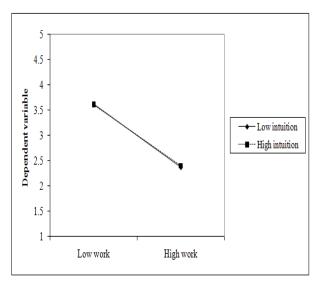


Figure 9: Work Intuition Turnover

#### Interaction

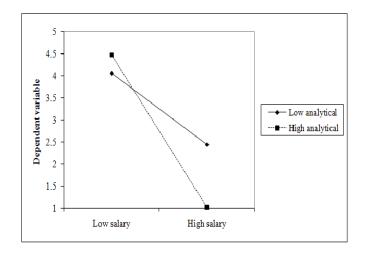


Figure 10: Salary Analytical Turnover Interaction

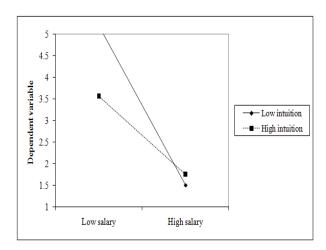


Figure 11: Salary Analytical Turnover



# **5 | DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION RESULTS**

This study has tested the direct and moderated effects of analytical cognitive style and intuition cognitive style on factors of satisfaction and turnover intention in Pakistan higher education institutions. Our research supported the negative effects of satisfaction factors of teaching staff on turnover intention of employees in higher education setting in Pakistan. The findings further examined those interaction effects of two dimensions of cognitive style used for decision making whether to stay on job or leave it. From practice point of view, our findings demonstrate the benefits of decision making, in work setting in order to reduce turnover intention and increase satisfaction from job. Our findings indicate that in order to reduce turnover intention among academicians and lecturers of higher education institutions organizations should enables support from supervisors and co-workers, as this enhance the satisfaction and reduce turnover intention. Our study further shows that employees should be given chance of participation in decision making. It will make a sense among employees they feel valued and will feel satisfied and in result turnover is reduced. Also work environment and work is also important in the organizations in order to reduce turnover intention. It is found that salary is most important factor of satisfaction and turnover intention. If handsome salary packages are given then it can increase satisfaction. But if employees compare their salaries and benefits with other counterparts and found any difference then it will create frustration among employees and in result satisfaction is reduced.

Further, previous research highlighted the importance of decision making and satisfaction from salary and other factors of job satisfaction (Busari et al., 2017; Busari & Mughal, 2017; Mughal et al., 2017; Pante, 2014; Allan et al., 2016; Schmidt, 2009; Chung & Kim, 2017).our study supported the importance of decision making in order to increase satisfaction and reduce turnover intention. Also moderating effect of cognitive styles is also supported for various factors.

From research point of point our study has successfully added analytical style and intuition style decision making as moderating variables in the relationship between satisfaction factors and turnover intention supported by dispositional approach given by (Judge & Larsen, 2009). Also employees of higher education want participation in decision making in order to decide whether to stay on job or leave it. So this decision making is very important for reducing turnover intention. Our study found that moderating effect of analytical and intuition style enhances effect of supervisor, co-workers salary on turnover intention. This adds to theory and research that contribute to effects of satisfaction factors and turnover intention. These results are in line with previous studies conducted on moderating effects of analytical and intuition style on promotion and turnover intention (Busari et al., 2017; Mughal & Busari, 2015). This study taken one step further and indicates that analytical and intuition style also acts as moderator on other factors of job satisfaction and turnover intention. These results are aligned with the previous results i.e. Allinson & Hayes (1996) Afzalu Rahim & Dana (2016)., Kyle et al(2016)., Lofstorm(2000) and Sadler-Smith (1999a).

This paper has tried to add cognitive style as moderator in the theory of job satisfaction and dispositional





approach given by Judge & Larsen (2001). This is one novelty that cognitive style dimension analytical and intuition is added as moderator in the theory. Second this work is the extension of the work of the Busari & Mughal (2017), Mughal &Busari (2015)., Mughal et al (2016)., Mughal et al (2016)., Oyewobi et al (2016). There was intense need to validate the instruments of cognitive style index, job descriptive index and turnover instrument in eastern context. It is found that all the instruments are valid and reliable in the eastern perspective. This work is the extension of the Mughal &Busari (2015) and Busari &Mughal (2017). In their study they have reported that analytical and intuition does work as moderator in the relationship between job satisfaction factors and turnover intention.

Further interaction effects and plots also indicate that organizational context matters. This touches on more deeper and more sensitive issue, namely whether decision making is something unique and different from other variables or not. The impression of current view is that researchers and practitioner should see decision making as unique in comparison to satisfaction and turnover.

#### **Limitations and Future Directions**

Although we have reported many encouraging results but current findings have several limitations. Cross sectional nature of data prevents us from drawing generalization about the relationships of our variables. More studies are needed with longitudinal designs and mix methods research in order to better understand the relationships.



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