

Continuous Use Intention of Paid Reading Media: Influencing Factors, Mechanisms, and Improvement Paths --Empirical Research Based on Expectation Confirmation (ECT) Model

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[Abstract]

As users of paid media readers' satisfaction with usage directly affects the promotion and development of paid media in China. Based on relevant research literature on user sustained use behavior, using the Expectation Confirmation Model as the framework, China paid media Caixin is used as a content product to construct a sustained use model for paid media. At the same time, the operational definition and theoretical assumptions of the variables in the model were provided, laying the foundation for subsequent empirical research on the effectiveness of the model. The research results show that paid media's social influence and performance expectations have a positive impact on Caixin App readers' adoption behavior, perceived usefulness and expectation confirmation has a positive impact on Caixin App readers' satisfaction. Adoption behavior and satisfaction has a positive effect on continue using intention, what's more, the perceived usefulness also has a positive effect on continue using intention.

▶ **Key words:** Paid Media, Continuous Use Intention, Expectation Confirmation Model

[요 약]

유료 매체 사용자로서 독자의 사용 만족도는 중국에서의 유료 매체의 보급과 발전에 직접적인 영향을 준다. 사용자의 지속적인 사용 행위에 관한 연구문헌에 기초하여 기대 확인 모형을 프레임워크로 사용하고 중국 유료 매체 차이신을 내용 제품으로 하여 유료 매체의 지속적인 사용 모형을 구축한다. 동시에, 모형 변수의 조작 정의와 이론적 가정을 제공하고 Amos 24.0 데이터 분석 도구를 사용하여 모형의 유효성에 대한 후속 실증적 연구를 위한 기초를 다졌다. 연구 결과에 따르면 유료 매체의 사회적 영향력과 실적 기대치가 차이신 앱 독자의 채용행위에 긍정적인 영향을 미치고 지각된 유용성과 기대 확인은 차이신 앱 독자의 만족도에 긍정적인 미치는 것으로 나타났다. 채택 행동과 만족도는 지속적인 사용 의지에 긍정적인 영향을 주고 지각의 유용성도 지속적인 사용 의향에 긍정적인 영향을 준다.

▶ **주제어:** 유료미디어, 지속이용의도, 기대확인모형, 4P 이론

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I. Introduction

Benefiting from the increasing improvement of network infrastructure such as broadband and fiber optics, as well as the continuous iteration of internet technology, the penetration rate and recognition of online media have rapidly increased. In contrast, paper media is facing the dilemma of a sharp decline in advertising and subscription volume, as well as a decline in influence^[1]. To cope with this trend and maintain sustained revenue growth, major media organizations are also actively seeking strategies to address it, such as replacing advertising departments with project teams to coordinate business cooperation, encouraging the provision of information and public relations services for enterprises, and carrying out integrated media reforms. At the end of 2017, Caixin Media Group, officially announced a new way of operating after 8 years of establishment, with news business as the core, and began the commercial practice of comprehensive paid reading.

In fact, Paid media is not new. In the late 20th century, mainstream American financial newspapers such as The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal had already tried this model and accumulated rich experience^[2]. In China, Caixin's approach is pioneering. From three years of practice, Caixin's paid reading business has achieved a certain user accumulation. In the first half of 2020, the number of Caixin paid reading subscription users reached 510'000. In addition, the production and distribution of Caixin's paid reading business, as well as the expansion of users, have formed a relatively mature process, and market-oriented operation has shown initial results. In the past two years, several media outlets, including the People's Daily, have imitated the Caixin model and attempted to adopt fee-based measures for important content. The popularity of the paid reading model in the media industry is gradually increasing. In addition, Hu Shuli, the

founder of Caixin Media, has always been the initiator and practitioner of advanced media models in the media industry. Whether the paid reading model launched this time will trigger a demonstration effect and promote its popularization throughout China is also widely anticipated by industry insiders.

Of course, the paid reading business also faces challenges from various aspects^[3]. On the one hand, due to the high overlap of news organizations' same topic reports, to stand out in the competition with free content, paid media need to have better news quality and innovative ways to attract audiences, and corresponding distribution channels also need to be as comprehensive as possible^[4]. In addition, the paid wall has also had a negative impact on the enthusiasm of advertisers for a period. So the widespread popularization of paid reading services still requires layers of hard work.

At present, existing research still focuses on the operational status of media that have already conducted paid media abroad, and there is a lack of in-depth and systematic analysis of the practice of paid media in Chinese media. The launch of Caixin's paid media business is a milestone event in the development history of China's media industry. Given the industry influence and future development space of Caixin's paid media business, further attention, and systematic research on it are undoubtedly of certain significance.

This article integrates marketing into the study of media economics and observing the media industry from a marketing perspective helps to gain a professional understanding of the market-oriented operation of media. This article defines paid reading business as a content product, using the Expectation Confirmation Model as the framework, and selects 4P marketing theory as the analysis tool to study the problems and corresponding improvement measures of Caixin's paid media business in production, pricing, channels, and promotions. The aim is to optimize the strategy of media engaged in paid reading and

provide a reference direction for its future development.

II. Theoretical Background

1. Expectation Confirmation Theory

In 1980, Oliver proposed the Expectation Confirmation Theory (ECT)^[5], which is the fundamental theory for studying consumer satisfaction in the field of consumer behavior.

The theory of expectation confirmation holds that the comparison between consumers' pre purchase expectations and their post purchase experiences (post purchase performance) determines their desire and behavior for a second purchase. In the theory of expectation confirmation, there is a negative correlation between expectation and confirmation. When consumers' expectations are higher and their actual sense of use is not met, their confirmation is lower, and their satisfaction with the product also decreases. On the contrary, when consumers' expectations are low and their actual usage experience is highly satisfied, the degree of confirmation is high, and user satisfaction will also increase.

In the theory of Expectation Confirmation Model theory, there are four keywords, namely "expectation", "performance", "confirmation", and "satisfaction". Expectations directly affect the level of confirmation of user expectations and user satisfaction. Expectation is a prediction and assumption made by consumers in the early stages of purchasing a product or service, with a strong subjective color. The so-called expectation refers to the prediction of the product or service effectiveness by consumers or based on past shopping experience, paraphrases from surrounding relatives and friends, or information provided by marketing personnel. Fornell et al. (1996) Research suggests that consumers' expectations for products or services during early purchases mainly

come from three aspects: including consumers' search for external information, word-of-mouth communication within their circle of friends, and sales guidance from salespeople during the first purchase. But when making a repeat purchase, the expectation at this time is not only external information from the early stage, but also direct user experience from within the individual consumer. Therefore, the more complete the consumer's information, the higher their expectations for the product or service.^[6]

Performance, as a factor compared to expectations, is used to confirm consumer satisfaction. The "expectation failure theory" proposed by Oliver and DeSarbo (1998) proves that the results formed by comparing consumers' pre purchase "expectations" with actual performance form failure. When actual performance exceeds expectations, there will be a positive lack of validation, leading to an increase in user satisfaction. When performance falls short of expectations, negative failures occur, negatively affecting user satisfaction. Confirmation is a result of consumers' actual experience, resulting from the gap between expected and actual performance.

Confirmation can be divided into three forms: objective confirmation, inference confirmation, and perceptual confirmation. Firstly, objective confirmation refers to the actual gap between consumers' objective usage feelings and expectations, which is usually considered to exist; Inferential confirmation is a reasonable inference made by researchers by observing consumers' reactions before and after purchase; Perceived confirmation is a subjective evaluation of performance and benchmark differences by consumers, including psychological factors, whose results often measure performance and acceptance of expectations.

2. Design of Acceptance Model

This study refers to ECT theory and designs a user expectation confirmation model for paid

reading (hereinafter referred to as the "acceptance model"), as shown in Figure 1. The acceptance model follows the four independent variables in the ECT model, namely social impact, performance expectations, perceived usefulness, and expected confirmation. Based on the actual development of financial paid media and relevant research results, the intermediary variable is designated as satisfaction.

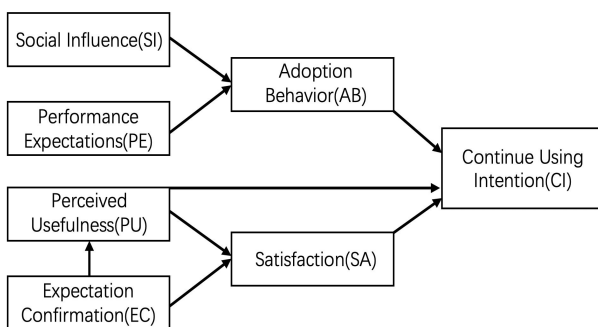


Fig. 1. Research Model

III. Research Design

1. Research Hypothesis

Based on the current development status of China's Caixin paid reading media and the main factors affecting the acceptance of platform paid users, this study proposes eight hypotheses.

1.1 Social Influence

Social influence is the basis for the survival and development of the media, and is the ultimate goal of realizing news value^[7]. Scholars suggest that social influence should be taken as the key index to evaluate the success of the media. If the content that the media provided to users is more accurate, timely and influential, the readers will have a stronger user perception of the media, so as to improve user adoption behavior. Therefore, this paper puts forward the following hypothesis:

H1: Social impact has a positive impact on the adoption behavior of Caixin App readers.

1.2 Performance expectations

Performance expectations refers to the extent to which readers believe that using information systems will help them improve life or job performance, including perceived usefulness, extrinsic motivation, job suitability, relative advantages, and outcome expectations^[8]. Individuals use information technology and products because they believe it will improve their work performance. The scholar found when readers feel that using paid media platforms can improve their study or work efficiency, improve their quality of life, and enjoy more resources and services provided by the platform, allowing them to get twice the result with half the effort when creating, then readers' willingness to use paid content platforms will increase. Therefore, this paper puts forward the following hypothesis:

H2: Performance expectations have a positive impact on the adoption behavior of Caixin App readers.

1.3 Adoption behavior

"Adoption" means to accept and adopt, especially after selection or recognition. Paid media adoption behavior refers to the behavior of readers accepting and adopting paid media through their choice or recognition of paid media. The adoption behavior has an impact on the reader's willingness to continue using it. Therefore, this paper puts forward the following hypothesis.

H3: Adoption behavior has a positive impact on willingness to continue using.

1.4 Perceived Usefulness

Perceived usefulness refers to the extent to which people believe that using a specific system or Application can improve their job performance^[9]. The significant impact of perceived usefulness on user experience has been widely confirmed. When the reader perceives that the paid

media can enhancing cognition and acquiring knowledge, the user will be satisfied with the paid

media and enhance the willingness to continue to use it. Therefore, this paper puts forward the following hypotheses:

H4: Perceived usefulness has a positive impact on reader satisfaction.

H5: Perceived usefulness has a positive impact on readers' willingness to continue using Caixin App.

1.5 Satisfaction

Satisfaction refers to the emotion generated by people after using a specific system or Application, which is expressed as a positive or negative feeling [10]. In the research context of paid media, if the user is satisfied after using the paid media, the users may continue to use the when they want to read or get some news , so as to enhance the user's willingness to continue to use it. Therefore, this paper puts forward the following hypotheses..

H6: Satisfaction has a positive impact on the willingness of Caixin App readers to continue using it.

1.6 Expected Confirmation

Readers' expected confirmation is composed of five dimensions: information, social, emotional, entertainment and social identity expectation, and all five kinds of confirmation can positively and significantly affect the user's satisfaction and perceived usefulness. Therefore, this paper puts forward the following hypotheses.

H7: Expected confirmation has a positive impact on the perceived usefulness of Caixin App readers.

H8: Expected confirmation has a positive impact on reader satisfaction of Caixin App.

2. Research Subjects

To ensure the scientific and effective nature of the research, this study selected Caixin, a local paid reading media in China, as the research object. Throughout the development of the media industry, the significance of Caixin's paid reading business cannot be underestimated, but due to its

relatively short start-up time. Zhao Xiaoxin believes that the news value and influence of Caixin are driven by the founder of Caixin Media, Hu Shuli, and a group of celebrity editors. The improvement of influence can help the development of paid reading business.

For users who already choosed Caixin and the potential users: 200 readers were selected for pretesting in the first round. In the second round, 178 readers were selected as the formal research subjects, and six readers who performed positively in the survey were randomly selected for semi-structured interviews.

3. Questionnaire Design

To gain a deeper understanding of the factors that affect the acceptance of paid reading and provide a better explanation of the acceptance model, this study followed the voluntary principle and randomly selected 6 readers who performed positively in the survey for interviews.

Before the interview, the researcher first introduced the concept of paid reading to the respondents to ensure the accuracy of their answers. During the interview, the researchers mainly discussed with the respondents about the popularity of paid reading and its application status, readers' feelings about using paid reading, and pursued relevant questions to explore the reasons behind the phenomenon.

After the interview, the researcher sorted and analyzed the interview records and found that: Readers have a high enthusiasm for paid reading and are more willing to try paid reading. Readers hope that paid media can further improve the quality of paid reading news and promote the popularization of paid reading. In the development process of paid reading, efforts should be made to simplify operations and pay attention to the convenience of use.

4. Data Analysis

4.1 Sample and Usage Statistics

In this study the questionnaire survey in this study was conducted online and was conducted among passengers in Beijing, the online questionnaire was distributed by snowballing through the Questionnaire-Star platform. Through the investigation, 378 valid samples were ultimately collected. The basic information and usage of the samples are shown in Tables 1 and 2:

Table 1. Sample Statistics

Variable	Categories	Frequency	Percent
How long have you been using the Caixin App ?	0.5-1 year	36	9.5
	1-2 years	59	15.6
	3-4 years	101	26.7
	> 4 year	182	48.1
What is the average time you log in to Caixin App every day	<half an hour	31	8.2
	0.5-1 hour	145	38.4
	1-2 hours	157	41.5
	3-4 hours	43	11.4
>4 hours		2	0.5
	0-1/week	41	10.8
	1-2/week	94	24.9
	3-4/week	110	29.1
Readers'frequency of using Caixin App	5-6/week	58	15.3
	>7 /week	75	19.8
	Male	298	78.8
Readers'Gender	Female	80	21.2
	<15 years	13	3.4
Readers'Age	16-25 years	57	15.1
	26-35 years	82	21.7
	36-45 years	131	34.7
	>45 years	95	25.1
Readers'Education Level	High school and below	82	21.7
	College Degree	78	20.6
	Bachelor's degree	157	41.5
	Master's degree or above	61	16.1
Readers' occupation	Office Workers	247	65.3
	Students	20	5.3
	Freelance	62	16.4
	Unemployed	34	9
	Others	15	4

Table 2. Use Caixin App under what circumstances

		Response		Case percent age
		N cases	Percent	
Use Caixin App under what circumstances	Fragment time	343	36.6%	90.7%
	Interest content	307	32.8%	81.2%
	When bored	160	17.1%	42.3%
	Others	126	13.5%	33.3%
Total		936	100.0%	247.6%

4.2 Research Variable Description statistics

From Table 3, the minimum, maximum, mean, and standard deviation of each study variable. The mean expected confirmation is 3.707, with a standard deviation of 0.933; The mean of perceived usefulness=3.858, standard deviation=0.841; The mean of social influence=3.530, standard deviation=0.986; The mean of performance expectations=3.651, standard deviation=0.999; The mean of adoption behavior is 3.523, with a standard deviation of 0.972;

The mean of satisfaction is 3.881, with a standard deviation of 0.863; The mean of willingness to continue using is 3.968, with a standard deviation of 0.826.

Table 3. Statistical Description of Research Variables

Variables	Min Value	Max Value	Mean Value	SD
Expected Confirmation (EC)	1.333	5	3.707	0.933
Perceived Usefulness (PU)	1	5	3.858	0.841
Social Influence (SI)	1	5	3.530	0.986
Performance Expectations (PE)	1	5	3.651	0.999
Adoption Behavior (AB)	1	5	3.523	0.972
Satisfaction (SA)	1	5	3.881	0.863
Continue Using Intention (CI)	1.667	5	3.968	0.826

4.3 Reliability Analysis

Reliability refers to the consistency or stability of measurement results obtained from measurement tools. We usually use α the coefficient (i.e., Cronbach's Alpha) is used to measure the reliability

of the questionnaire, α The larger the coefficient, the higher the reliability of the questionnaire, that is, the higher the credibility and stability of the questionnaire. Devellis (1991) proposed the following viewpoint: α If the coefficient is between 0.60 and 0.65, it is best not to; α The coefficient value between 0.65 and 0.70 is the minimum acceptable value; α The coefficient value is quite good between 0.70 and 0.80; α The coefficient value is very good between 0.80 and 0.90.

From Table 4, the reliability of expected confirmation is 0.832, the reliability of perceived usefulness is 0.839, the reliability of social influence is 0.836, the reliability of performance expectations is 0.826, the reliability of adoption behavior is 0.845, and the reliability of satisfaction is 0.869.

The reliability of willingness to continue using is 0.848. The reliability of each research variable is above 0.7, indicating good reliability of the scale.

Table 4. Reliability Analysis

Variables	Cronbach's Alpha	Number of Items
EC	0.832	3
PU	0.839	4
SI	0.836	3
PE	0.826	3
AB	0.845	3
SA	0.869	3
CI	0.848	3

4.4 Confirmatory Factor Analysis

This article will use AMOS24.0 software to conduct confirmatory factor analysis on the samples. Confirmatory factor analysis is a statistical analysis of social survey data that explores whether the factor structure model of the scale fits the actual collected data, and whether the indicator variable can effectively serve as a measurement variable for potential variables. This study used the maximum likelihood method to estimate the model and verified its fit through the following indicators: (1) chi square (χ^2) Inspection. χ^2 the 2 index is the most basic test indicator for model fitting, and is generally used χ^2 The smaller

the 2/df value, the higher the simulation fit. usually χ^2 When 2/df<3, it indicates that the model has better adaptability . (2) The root means square index of approximation error (RMSEA). It is sensitive to erroneous models and is an ideal fitting indicator. The closer the value of RMSEA is to 0, the better the model fits. Usually, when RMSEA is less than 0.08, it indicates that the model has good fitness . Standardized residual root mean square (SRMR). Its value range is between 0 and 1, and when SRMR is less than 0.08, it indicates ideal model fitting. (4) Comparing the Fit Index (CFI), Irregular Fit Index (TLI), and Incremental Fit Index (IFI), typically CFI>0.9, TLI>0.9, and IFI>0.9 indicate good model fit (Hu&Bentler, 1999).

From Table 5, χ^2 the value of 2/df is 1.614, the value of RMSEA is 0.040, the value of SRMR is 0.035, the value of CFI is 0.971, the value of TLI is 0.965, and the value of IFI is 0.972. The model fitting indicators have all reached ideal values, indicating that the confirmatory factor analysis model fits well. The factor loadings of expected confirmation, perceived usefulness, social influence, performance expectations, adoption behavior, satisfaction, and willingness to continue using are all above 0.5, CR values are all above 0.7, and AVE values are all above 0.5. According to Hair's suggestion in validity evaluation, the absolute value of factor load estimation should be at least above 0.5, the mean variance extraction (AVE) indicator value should be above 0.5, and the construct reliability indicator value should be above 0.7. The factor loadings for expected confirmation range from 0.867 to 0.693, with all factor loadings above 0.5, CR values above 0.7, AVE values above 0.5, and p-values below 0.001, indicating significant factor loadings. Therefore, all questionnaires have good convergent validity. This article uses the method proposed by Fornell Rucker to determine whether there is differential validity by determining whether the square root of AVE is higher than the correlation coefficient between two variables.

Table 5. Confirmatory Factor Analysis Parameter Estimation

Variables	Items	Factor Load	se	T	p	CR AVE
EC	EC1	0.821				0.838 0.635
	EC2	0.867	0.057	15.935	***	
	EC3	0.693	0.061	13.638	***	
PU	PU1	0.794				0.846 0.581
	PU2	0.834	0.063	16.251	***	
	PU3	0.760	0.069	14.899	***	
	PU4	0.648	0.076	12.478	***	
SI	SI1	0.807				0.837 0.631
	SI2	0.800	0.068	14.900	***	
	SI3	0.775	0.069	14.601	***	
PE	PE1	0.805				0.829 0.620
	PE2	0.863	0.070	15.157	***	
	PE3	0.683	0.061	13.085	***	
AB	AB1	0.763				0.848 0.650
	AB2	0.836	0.068	15.480	***	
	AB3	0.818	0.074	15.263	***	
SA	SA1	0.815				0.869 0.688
	SA2	0.832	0.059	17.307	***	
	SA3	0.842	0.060	17.492	***	
CI	CI1	0.808				0.851 0.655
	CI2	0.804	0.062	15.945	***	
	CI3	0.816	0.072	16.131	***	
x ² /df=1.614 , RMSEA=0.040 , SRMR=0.035 , CFI=0.971 , TLI=0.965 , IFI=0.972 (ps.***p<0.001)						

From the correlation coefficient table 6, the AVE square roots of expected confirmation, perceived usefulness, social influence, performance expectation, adoption behavior, satisfaction, and willingness to continue using are 0.797, 0.762, 0.794, 0.787, 0.806, 0.829, and 0.809, respectively, which are greater than their corresponding correlation numbers, indicating that the questionnaire has good discriminative validity.

4.5 Correlation Analysis

The Pearson correlation coefficient is used to measure the linear relationship between two fixed distance variables. The value of the correlation coefficient is between -1 and 1, and the larger its

absolute value, the stronger the correlation between the two. The closer the correlation coefficient is to 1 or -1, the stronger the correlation, and vice versa, the weaker the correlation. In addition, judging the correlation requires a comprehensive consideration of the correlation coefficient and significance level. Only when the correlation coefficient is greater than 0 and the significance level is p<0.05 can it be inferred that variables are correlated. Therefore, this article uses Pearson correlation coefficient to verify whether there is a correlation between variables.

From Table 6, the correlation coefficients between various research variables. There is a significant positive correlation between social

Table 6. Correlation Coefficients

Variables	1.EC	2.PU	3.SI	4.PE	5.AB	6.SA	7.CI
1.EC	0.797						
2.PU	0.294***	0.762					
3.SI	0.163**	0.113*	0.794				
4.PE	0.183***	0.180***	0.115*	0.787			
5.AB	0.159**	0.148**	0.430***	0.384***	0.806		
6.SA	0.339***	0.382***	0.217***	0.242***	0.263***	0.829	
7.CI	0.163**	0.400***	0.176***	0.240***	0.336***	0.481***	0.809
ps.*p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001, Diagonal is the square root of AVE							

Table 7. Path Analysis

	Route		B	Se	t	P	Analysis results
EC	→	PU	0.384	0.049	6.357	***	Accept
SI	→	AB	0.444	0.055	7.560	***	Accept
PE	→	AB	0.381	0.050	6.718	***	Accept
PU	→	SA	0.335	0.063	5.433	***	Accept
EC	→	SA	0.279	0.051	4.592	***	Accept
AB	→	CI	0.253	0.044	4.794	***	Accept
PU	→	CA	0.269	0.055	4.467	***	Accept
SA	→	CI	0.378	0.055	6.152	***	Accept

$\chi^2/df=1.701$, RMSEA=0.043 , SRMR=0.063 , CFI=0.965 , TLI=0.960 , IFI=0.966 (ps. *** $p<0.001$)

influence and adoption behavior ($r=0.430$, $p<0.01$).

There is a significant positive correlation between performance expectations and adoption behavior ($r=0.384$, $p<0.01$). There is a significant positive correlation between adoption behavior and willingness to continue using ($r=0.336$, $p<0.01$). There is a significant positive correlation between perceived usefulness and satisfaction ($r=0.382$, $p<0.01$).

There is a significant positive correlation between perceived usefulness and willingness to continue using ($r=0.400$, $p<0.01$). There is a significant positive correlation between satisfaction

and willingness to continue using ($r=0.481$, $p<0.01$).

There is a significant positive correlation between expected confirmation and perceived usefulness ($r=0.294$, $p<0.01$). There is a significant positive correlation between expected confirmation and satisfaction ($r=0.339$, $p<0.01$). Therefore, the hypothesis receives preliminary support.

4.6 Structural Equation Model Analysis

This article uses a structural equation model for hypothesis testing. This article uses χ^2/df , RMSEA, SRMR, NFI, CFI, TLI, IFI validation of structural model fitting.

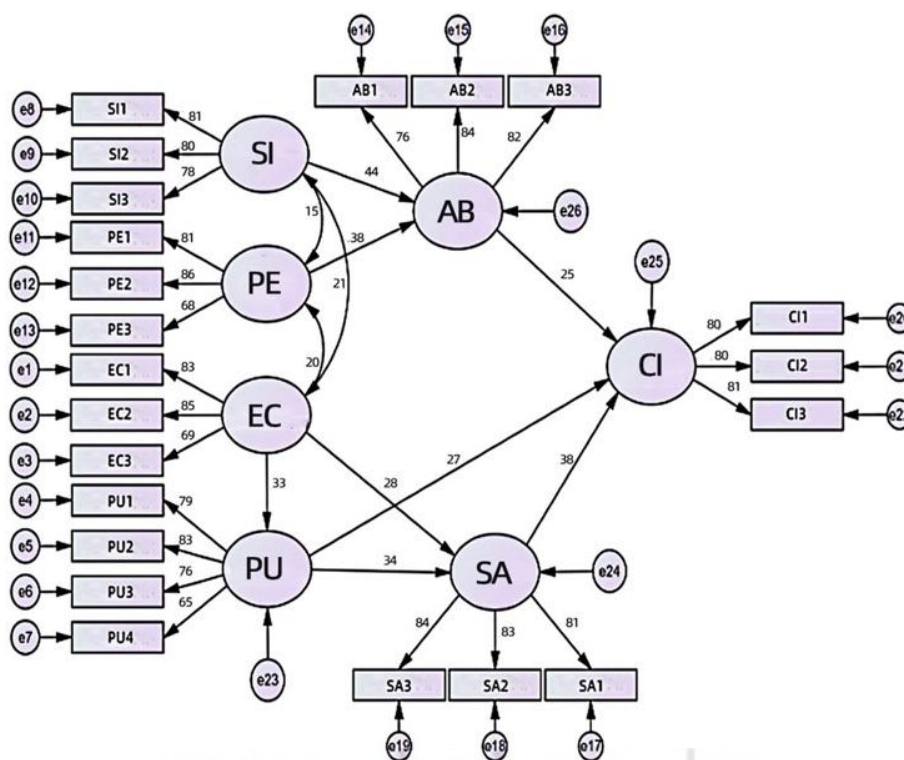


Fig. 2. Structural Equation Model

From Table 7, it can be seen that, χ^2 The value of χ^2/df is 1.701, the value of RMSEA is 0.043, the value of SRMR is 0.063, the value of CFI is 0.965, the value of TLI is 0.960, and the value of IFI is 0.966. The model fitting indicators have all reached ideal values, indicating that the structural equation model fits well.

Expected confirmation has a significant positive impact on perceived usefulness ($\beta = 0.384$, $p < 0.001$); Social influence has a significant positive impact on adoption behavior ($\beta = 0.444$, $p < 0.001$); Performance expectations have a significant positive impact on adoption behavior ($\beta = 0.381$, $p < 0.001$); Perceived usefulness has a significant positive impact on satisfaction ($\beta = 0.335$, $p < 0.001$); Expected confirmation has a significant positive impact on satisfaction ($\beta = 0.279$, $p < 0.001$); The adoption behavior has a significant positive impact on the willingness to continue using ($\beta = 0.253$, $p < 0.001$); Perceived usefulness has a significant positive impact on willingness to continue using ($\beta = 0.269$, $p < 0.001$); Satisfaction has a significant positive impact on willingness to continue using ($\beta = 0.378$, $p < 0.001$). Therefore, all research hypotheses are supported.

IV. Conclusions

1. Theoretical and Practical Enlightenment

The research results show The research results show that paid media's social influence and performance expectations have a positive impact on Caixin App readers' adoption behavior, perceived usefulness and expectation confirmation has a positive impact on Caixin App readers' satisfaction. Adoption behavior and satisfaction has a positive effect on continue using intention, what's more, the perceived usefulness also has a positive effect on continue using intention.

Finally, this article analyzes the framework of 4P, which includes products, prices, channels, and

promotions, and proposes targeted strategies to address the problems in paid media business. In terms of products, it aims to improve the quality of reports, increase the proportion of exclusive reports, expand the influence of thematic reports, segment user needs, and develop personalized products with the help of big data to effectively protect intellectual property rights; In terms of pricing, multiple payment walls are set up, tiered pricing is implemented, and hierarchical membership management is implemented; In terms of channels, increase e-commerce sales channels, increase terminal coverage and subscription scale for major customers; In terms of promotion, achieve horizontal integration and collaborate with partners to promote sales.

2. Limitation and Prospects


Although this study has important reference value for the development of paid media, it still has deficiencies. Firstly, compared with the huge number of users of paid media, this study collects data on the premise that the data is effective, and the research problems can be solved.

The effective sample size of is relatively small; Secondly, due to the limitation of sample size, this study does not consider the impact of sample demographic characteristics (such as the readers belong to which region) on users' willingness to continue to use. Further research on the above deficiencies will be carried out in the follow-up to provide more perfect suggestions.

Although the research in this paper has achieved certain results, there is still significant room for improvement.

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