

Review of: "The Positive Impact of Dropping the Lowest Test Score on Academic Performance and Stress Levels in MathBased Graduate Courses"

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This paper researches an interesting idea that deserves to be considered. The paper can be improved by:

1. Focusing the introduction better. It begins by mentioning suicide, which seems off-topic.
2. Providing more information about the research context. It's not clear how or why the participants were assigned to the different groups. Was it random? Did students select the group based on convenience or preference? You mention that consent was not required, but did the students know they would be participating in research? Did they know that the three groups would have different assessment criteria? Was there any attempt to establish a baseline before the study? Were the groups similar in level of knowledge and performance?
3. Delving deeper into the results. The statistical analysis is very basic. We know one group got better scores than the others, but was the difference significant?
4. Proofreading. There are some typos and missing articles throughout the text.