

Review of: "The Impact of Study Environment on Students' Academic Performance: An Experimental Research Study"

Mohamed El-Kishawi¹

¹ University of Sharjah

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

The study under review investigates the influence of noise levels within the study environment on students' academic performance. It positions itself within a controlled experimental design framework, aiming to unravel the causal relationship between noise levels and academic performance. The research questions and hypotheses are clearly outlined, focusing on the specific impact of noise levels on academic performance.

The study can be improved by giving attention to the following drawbacks:

1. **Limited Generalizability:** The study acknowledges the potential limitation of generalizability due to its controlled experimental design. The findings may not fully reflect real-world study environments, limiting their applicability to broader educational settings.
2. **Lack of Exploration of Individual Differences:** The study does not extensively explore individual differences in sensitivity to noise, which could affect the perceived impact of noise on academic performance. Future research could consider incorporating measures to account for individual variability.
3. **Single Variable Focus:** The study primarily focuses on noise levels as a determinant of academic performance, overlooking potential interactions with other environmental factors. A more comprehensive approach considering multiple variables simultaneously could provide a deeper understanding of the relationship.
4. **Short-Term Effects:** The study primarily assesses short-term effects on academic performance, raising questions about the sustained impact of noise levels over an extended academic term. Future research could investigate long-term effects to provide a more nuanced understanding.
5. **Ecological Validity:** The controlled experimental setting may lack ecological validity, as it may not fully replicate the complexity of real-world study environments. Future studies could explore alternative research designs to address this limitation.
6. **References:** Need attention to linking in-text references to the reference list.

Overall, the study contributes valuable insights into the impact of noise levels on students' academic performance. While the research methodology is sound and the findings are compelling, there are areas for improvement, including addressing limitations related to generalizability, individual differences, and ecological validity. By considering these aspects, future research in this area can further enhance our understanding and inform effective strategies in educational settings.

