

Review of: "What Factors Influence the Punishment of Research Misconduct: Evidence from Hospitals in Mainland China"

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My feedback is as below:

(1) **Manuscript Title:** The existing title 'What Factors Influence the Punishment of Research Misconduct: Evidence from Hospitals in Mainland China' is too long – consider reducing it.

(2) **Abstract:** The existing abstract needs to be carefully rewritten (in about 250 words) so as to clarify the objective, theory, data, major findings, implications, limitations of the study, and the methodology adopted. References in the abstract should also be removed.

(3) **Keywords:** There is a need to reduce the keywords; write only those which are given more emphasis.

(4) **Introduction-** *There is a need to include global contexts with mainland China and address the research gap properly.*

(5) **Research Hypothesis** -Your way of framing paragraphs for hypothesis development is interesting, but it's necessary to cite previous research studies to provide a strong foundation for the hypotheses. There is a lack of new research studies; hence, it is necessary to include recent and relevant research studies related to the subject matter referred to.

(6) **Materials and Methods-** Very well and brilliantly presented.

(7) **Results-** Presented well.

Additional comments:

a. The language needs major improvement.

Regards,

Reviewer