

# Review of: "Between Avoidance and the Need to Learn: Emerging Dynamics in the First Weeks of Classes in Higher Education in Angola"

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General comments: The article assesses the consequences of higher education students' absence in the first weeks of classes in Angola. The authors analyse the need of cultural and social adaptation by education system to reach students' attraction. The paper is well written and structured. The methodology is appropriate and the results have been thoroughly discussed. However, I miss some statistical analysis of the results which could provide a complete overview. Furthermore, I suggest to include the questions in the interviews as an Appendix.

Specific comments:

Define AHE before its use.

Shorten long sentences such as: "The reciprocal interview.....to higher education" or "The analysis took.....researcher to data". Revise the paper.

Figure 1: Reduce text and make a more schematic figure.

Section 6.1: add information about percentages, figures, etc.