

Review of: "Using concepts related to research design while writing thesis and dissertation at universities: questioning the status quo"

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Although the article is written to be a short paper, I believe that the article could benefit from an expansion of each of the sections. Additional literature could be added to strengthen the literature review, and the "Questioning the Status Quo" section of the article could include in-text citations to make a stronger claim of the author's positionality in this section. The "Implications for Practice" section seemed to need the most added additional information by fully addressing the third research question. Should different, or the same, headings for master's and doctoral theses be used, and why? What information should be contained in this section as a result of the updated heading? Are there future areas of study as to how this change will affect students' thesis defenses, such as coaching committee members on this status quo change before students complete their defense? Future areas of study like this should be briefly explored in the paper's last section.