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Review of: "Negative Risks in Academic Research Projects: A Retrospective Analysis of Data from a Convenience Sample of Hundreds of Research Team Members"

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In this manuscript, the author analyzed data from 15 facilitated risk management sessions for over 500 academic research team members at every level of the research team, conducted by the author (as part of her Research Project Management consulting business) between 2015 and 2021, to determine which negative risks for academic research projects are perceived to be important and possible responses to those risks. The results revealed that funding, personnel, unreliable partners, study participant recruitment, and data access were identified as the top negative risks. Many of these risks would require system- or organization-level responses that are beyond the scope of individual academic research teams.

These findings appear to be quite familiar to those who conduct academic research but are contrary to the prevailing view from the literature suggesting that due to the complexity and uncertainty of academic research projects, conventional management approaches should be modified to fit particular academic research projects.

This manuscript is very well written. The results presented are new and credible. It makes an important contribution to the field of academic research project risk assessment and management.

Declarations

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