

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

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This study tries to investigate different concepts that the students should apply in their methodology to do their research accurately. Although the topic looks interesting, at this stage, the manuscript *does not meet* the requirements for *publication* due to several major limitations as follows:

1. The author needs to provide more justifications in order to highlight the statement of the problem. What happens if the methodology is carried out inaccurately in any research?
2. The review of the previous work/studies on the subject is insufficient. The author should add more relevant update literature review to show the significance of this research.
3. Another concern in conducting this research refers to its practicality. The author needs to make the advantages of conducting this research clear. How do the findings help the educators practically?
4. In the last paragraph, the author mentioned that "I argue that the concepts must be used consistently worldwide by understanding their differences and similarities". As a reader, I would like to know what the probable solutions are to figure out the differences and similarities? To reply this question, I think the author should provide a deep discussion.
5. Finally, although this manuscript focuses on students' misunderstanding of the methodology concepts, the author himself neither differentiated different parts of methodology nor clarified the research design in his own research.

Due to above reasons, I think the manuscript *does not meet* the requirements for *publication* at this stage. Hope my comments assist the author in improving his work. Also, my published article on "Postgraduate students' difficulties in writing their theses literature review" may assist him to improve his work. My article is available at <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/2331186X.2020.1784620>.