

# Review of: "Research of Competitive Pressure on Undergraduates' Intention to Study Abroad in Chinese Non-elite Universities"

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## General comments

I think this is an interesting paper, which has the potential to make a good contribution to the literature on study abroad. It is well organized and well argued. However, I think certain important revisions are needed before it can be considered for publication.

## Specific comments (by section)

### Introduction

I suggest supporting some of the claims made in the introduction section with relevant literature. Also, the significance of the research is still not clearly stated. I think the author needs to make a more compelling case for the need to explore this topic in the Chinese context.

### Literature review

It provides an interesting discussion of the factors influencing study abroad intentions. However, I feel that a more critical discussion of recent literature is needed to strengthen this section and wrap it up with a discussion of the need to conduct the present study.

### Methodology

I find the methodology section a little underdeveloped. It only provides a little information about the questionnaire used to collect data. There isn't any discussion about the sampling method, the inclusion and exclusion criteria, how the universities were chosen, or statistical methods. I consider that no sufficient literature has been used here to support the decisions made. I also feel that a discussion of the positionality of the authors and ethical considerations is missing here.

### Results

I think the presentation of the findings is well argued and provides sufficient data to support the claims made.

### Discussion

I think some links to the literature reviewed need to be made here. Otherwise, the discussion of the findings sounds very

isolated and not well supported.

### **Implications**

I feel that the discussion section should come before the implications section. Again, some of the recent works in the literature need to be incorporated so as to support the findings and explain the novel contribution to knowledge.

Sincerely,