

Review of: "Learning Behaviors and Academic Performance: A Comparative Study"

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The idea of comparing learning behaviours across a variety of different aspects is a good one; however, it could be made clearer how these were collated and what was actually used.

Currently, the paper reads a little like a repetitive list rather than a cohesive study and would need some development to make it suitable for publication. I would suggest the following amendments to improve clarity:

The introduction should be considerably extended. You have cited a range of literature in the reference list but don't appear to have discussed this in your introduction; therefore, the reader is not as aware as they could be of the background to your study or what you were trying to achieve. Your hypotheses are reasonable but would benefit from being a little more concise; generally, a study would only have two or three hypotheses.

The methodology could be clearer and supported by reference to an appendix. It's not clear which questions were asked of teachers and parents, nor how this was collected (e.g., interview, questionnaire, etc.); some of the methodology information could be provided in a table.

The results are overlong and very repetitive; this could be much more concisely given, and some simple descriptives and assessment criteria would be sufficient here. You also appear to have had a high level of agreement between all parties; one would expect some variation, although this would depend on how it was measured; therefore, it would be helpful to have an overview of this in your methodology section. The summary findings would be better placed in a discussion section, particularly if accompanied by some linking between factors.

More discussion could be provided in the conclusions regarding the implications of these observations and how this knowledge could be transferred to other settings and environments.

This is a reasonable start, and with some work, it could be developed into an interesting article regarding your observations of these children.