

Review of: "A Case Study on Industry-Institute-Cooperation"

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This is a potentially interesting paper which requires substantial strengthening by the incorporation of outcomes data and to a lesser extent providing the reader with more background information. Without this information it is difficult to see whether the project design should be adopted by others.

Background information questions:

How easy was it to engage the companies in the program?

Was the funding obtained only for the creation and delivery of the training products or did the companies also gain benefit by subsidy of their staff to participate?

Were staff paid to attend?

What was the scale of the programs in costs and numbers?

What were the timelines for creation, delivery and assessment?

Who were the trainers and what was their expertise?

Outcomes data questions:

What did the needs-analysis of the companies reveal?

Did all companies have the same issues to resolve. What were those issues?

How effective were the training packages developed?

Was there any participant/trainee assessment?

Was there any participant feedback from trainees?

Was there any data on outcomes at a company level?

Were companies surveyed about their satisfaction or outcomes?

What is the data to support the improvement statements of claim in the paper?

Was there any feedback from the trainers?

