

Review of: "What Factors Influence the Punishment of Research Misconduct: Evidence from Hospitals in Mainland China"

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Comments:

(Accept- Minor Revision)

For this reason, I will give points 1-5 regarding the paper presented based on 1. Unsuitable to 5. Suitable:

- 1. The paper contains new and significant information adequate to justify publication = 4
- 2. The paper demonstrates an adequate understanding of the relevant literature in the field and cites an appropriate range of literature sources = 4
- 3. The paper's argument is built on an appropriate base of theory, concepts, or other ideas = 3
- 4. The results are presented clearly and analysed appropriately = 5
- 5. Implications for research = 4
- 6. Quality of Communication = 3

Details:

- 1. **Originality**: The paper contains new and significant information that justifies publication. There are many research misconducts in the research world, and a solution must be found. This paper can be an input.
- 2. Relationship to **Literature**: The paper demonstrates an adequate understanding of relevant literature in the field and cites various literary sources as appropriate.
- 3. **Methodology**: I do not see any supporting theory; it can provide a reference theory, such as theories related to behavior or compliance. The method used is good, but the determination is still unclear.

The score to measure the dimensions of punishment intensity, such as variations in assessments by experts, was finally discussed twice, but by whom was the discussion carried out, and what were the results to finalize the punishment intensity score?



- 4. **Results**: They have been presented clearly and linked with the analysis.
- 5. The **implications** are appropriate.
- 6. **Communication** Quality: The abstract needs to be clarified; it should be concise and clear, starting from the research purpose, data, analytical methods, research results, impacts/limitations, and originality.

Thank you.