

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

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Thank you for the opportunity for me to read and review this submission.

I first found that the title does not quite reflect what the content of the paper has to offer. A better version should tell the readers directly that your paper is trying to settle the issues of the different heading titles are being used to talk about the same concept in different research and institutional contexts.

Secondly and potentially the main issue for improvement of this paper is the fact that you did not convince the readers that the use of different heading titles for the section in focus causes a problem in conducting research or reporting research. You post this issue in your paper as if it has been a critical problem without having evidence of it being a serious issue that requires a settlement or solution. In the context where I work, the matter of choosing the title for this particular chapter is not much of a debate and it varies according to the discipline of the research, e.g. Materials and Methods for agricultural sciences and certain fields of engineering, and Methodology for social sciences and education. So, giving a convincing reason for 'questioning the status quo' could be a good start for the revision.

In the 'questioning the status quo' section, you twice clearly argue for your decision or standing point, i.e. 'Rather, I argue that we can substitute method for methodology' and the other one. However, you did not provide a strong reason for you to make such argument or to take the the side you favour. By adding 'because...', these argument statements will be stronger and will invite the readers more to agree or disagree with you.

Finally, the quality of writing sadly undermines the quality of your idea presentation. A lot of areas are unclear due to the quality of the language you use. Please have this paper proofread or edited, so that those unclear messages will be understandable in the way they should be.

Best wishes,