

# Review of: "Understanding the Patterns of Hate Incidents and Reporting Attitudes at a UK University"

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Dear authors,

It is a very interesting study and a well-written article.

The flow of the article is clear and enjoyable to read.

However, I have a few queries and recommendations.

From my perspective, your paradigm should be a mixed methods study design due to the combination of quantitative and qualitative data. The quantitative data was obtained from the online survey, and the qualitative data from the open-ended questions. In a mixed methods study, there are usually 3 types of data analyses which are:

1. quantitative data analysis
2. qualitative data analysis
3. mixed methods analysis

From my point of view, I do not see any mixed methods analysis mentioned in the article. The qualitative data also seemed to be redundant as some of the questions were already asked in the quantitative section. So, the qualitative data do not add new depths and dimensions to the study. It is commendable that you applied the Claire and Braun thematic analysis as it is more comprehensible.

Secondly, I would like to see more discussions in the article. I do not think there is a discussion section in the paper. As your study was conducted at your university and a neighbouring one, it is good to compare the findings with the national average and other studies. I am sure there are many studies conducted in other districts, places, and countries that are comparable to the study you did at your university.

It is hoped that you can make revisions to your article.

It is a good one, and I am sure that the article will get published soon.

Please also include your questionnaires in the supplementary section so that the study can be replicated in other settings.



Thank you.