

Review of: "Examining the Relationship of Chapter 1 to Other Chapters in a Dissertation or Thesis"

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Overall, the article attempts to explore a topic that is of great relevance to both researchers and supervisors in academia. Though limited in sample size, the researcher has successfully achieved his research aims and objectives. However, the following comments (please follow the section heading/number) may provide some further insights to the researcher, which he can incorporate in the revised draft:

1. Background: A mention/explanation of the safeguards to protect the research process from errors and bias (p.3) is needed. Similarly, to substantiate the point, it will be better to name the technical skills needed for project work and how these skills ensure credibility in research?
2. Literature review: It will be a viable idea to substantiate the notions of positivism and constructivism through the use of examples.
3. Findings & discussion: The researcher has referred to a number of flaws/gaps in the ways student researchers attempt to link different sections of the thesis/dissertation. In view of the fact that the research samples might have undergone rigorous supervisory input and review before being part of the university archives, the role of research supervision cannot be overlooked. It may stimulate a fully fledged research topic, though, but the researcher can dedicate a short write-up about this. In addition, it can be argued that theses should follow a template design, especially in view of the disciplinary heterogeneity and institutional policies. The researcher can discuss these points in the "Discussion" and then relate to his findings/research question.