

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

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I express my gratitude to the authors for their significant contribution during this sensitive period. Given the critical nature and sensitivity of the subject matter, I propose a set of development recommendations:

1. In the abstract, it is advisable to highlight the study's significance and its key findings.
2. The data provided spans from 2012 to 2017, making it essential to incorporate more recent data.
3. Including participant characteristics and demographic information is crucial for understanding the factors contributing to hate incidents. Such incidents may be rooted in personal issues arising from the victim's background or other factors. It is possible that individuals express hatred not out of intentional malice but due to personal characteristics of the victim, leading to heightened sensitivity to others' behavior. Employing a qualitative approach could provide deeper insights, revealing that the person claiming to be a target of hatred may, in fact, be the source, rather than the other party.
4. The study's results lack reliability as the authors did not furnish evidence regarding the validity and reliability of the research tools.
5. The discussion section is notably weak. To enhance its quality, it is imperative to compare the study's results with those of other relevant research.
6. The addition of a limitations section is necessary, as this study is subject to various constraints. Notably, the statistical analyses employed pose a significant limitation that should be acknowledged.