

Review of: "The Positive Impact of Dropping the Lowest Test Score on Academic Performance and Stress Levels in MathBased Graduate Courses"

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I think the paper has the potential to add to the existing literature. However, the paper needs the following major revisions.

Abstract: There is no need for background information in the abstract. Remove the first three sentences and directly start from purpose of the study. Additionally, adding major conclusions and some recommendations will give a complete picture of the study to the readers.

Introduction

There is no strong theoretical background available for the claims made in the second paragraph that suicide has direct connection with the anxiety. Another concern is that the title reflects stress level as a variable, but the themes discussed in the first five paragraphs mostly revolve around anxiety and the methods to lower it. Authors are suggested to revise the introduction section and make it align with the title and bring coherence among the ideas presented in different paragraphs.

Authors suggested adding a paragraph that how this study findings will contribute to exiting literature in the theme under study.

Research Hypothesis: Rewrite the hypothesis of the study clearly in a separate section with proper heading.

In methodology,

1. The authors take participants from a single batch (or may be two) for the study. Participants selection criteria is not given neither clear. Another big issue is that how the findings of this group will be generalizable on overall community???? Authors are recommended to give proper justification for sample strategy.

Conclusion: The findings briefly set the research hypothesis and conclusion in scholarly styles. With all the plus points detailed in this report, let me state that addition of study implications and some limitations of the study would be an extra

feather in the researcher's cap and would get future researchers enlightened.

The paper also needs to be proofread by an English expert as there are lots of grammatical, punctuations and sentence structure errors.