

Review of: "Are non-native speakers' English pronunciation similar?: Evidence through PRAAT recording software"

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This is an interesting topic. However, you'd better build your research on previous studies. There are actually a lot of studies on the similar topic. The following are my specific suggestions.

1. The language needs to be improved. For example, you need to check the use of "as long as...", as you tend to use it a lot at the beginning of sentences. In addition, there's too much repetition, and some sentences are confusing.
2. Organization can be improved, e.g., the introduction can be more structured and more concise.
3. Literature review is too digressive. It can be more concise if you focus on introducing the directly relevant literature rather than explain common sense in detail (e.g., in the first and second paragraphs of literature review) or the history of the country (first paragraph in the "English in Bangladesh" section). In addition, your claim that "... if it's published in China definitely they are written in the Chinese language, not English" is inaccurate, as we do have English textbooks written purely in English published in China, and most of the mainstream English textbooks (textbooks teaching the English language) at all levels (from primary school to high school to university) are published in English by Chinese publishers. Anyway, I don't see a direct relation between such background information and your research topic. How is this whole background, especially the use of textbooks, related to English pronunciation? I suggest that you compare the phonological systems of Bengali, Mandarin Chinese, and English, and review literature on L2 pronunciation acquisition, especially aspiration, if it is your research focus. These could be more relevant. But I don't see any literature on L2 phonology/pronunciation acquisition in your literature review.
4. I suggest that you introduce a theoretical framework before putting forward your research questions. What is the theory behind your hypotheses? L1 transfer? Also to what extent are your two participants representative of English speakers from Bangladesh and China?
5. The stimuli "I thought that thing" is an incomplete/ungrammatical sentence, which may affect the participants' pronunciation.
6. The interview is not clearly introduced. What was the focus? What questions were asked? How were the participants interviewed?
7. The results section: It is highly likely that the two speakers' pronunciations were influenced by their native languages. Also you need to explain how you calculated "the mean length run". You don't mention the results of the interview at all. It seems there's no qualitative data analysis, which you claim in the research methodology section. So this is not a mixed-methods study as you claim several times earlier (in the abstract, introduction, and research methodology).
8. You need to check your references and follow the APA format closely.

I highly suggest that you recruit more participants and plan your study carefully with some nicely designed stimuli. In this way your findings will be more convincing.