

Review of: "Choosing Education Abroad: A Parental Perspective in China"

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The paper under review discusses a question potentially interesting to parents of high school students in China, but it is not written in a form that is consistent to a journal article – it could be put in some section of a magazine (such as the Reader's Digest), but to become publishable in a scholarly journal, considerable revisions should be made. Some suggestions are as follows.

1. The author should clarify as early as possible: At what stage are you talking about? Children going abroad to pursue what degree, undergraduate or post-graduate ones?
2. Also, what is the contribution of this paper? Does it present any advancement of knowledge in the field of (international) education? The author should state its contribution[s] clearly, perhaps in the Introduction section.
3. What type of study is this? A mini-review, a scoping review, or an empirical paper? Not explained.
4. The Introduction is way too short. It's desirable to provide more background information on the subject. For example, are there any trends? Has the phenomenon under discussion caused any pressing problems? Are there any debates? Why is it important? While some research questions were raised in the Introduction, which is good, how would you answer these questions? What methods are employed? What data are being analyzed? And so on.
5. It's unclear whether the statements/arguments put forward in the section "Choosing the Most Suitable Study Destination" were those of the author or from the "parent" mentioned in the title. If it's the latter case, then what parents are providing these insights? Have you conducted a survey? Or are you the parent who gives these opinions? This should be clarified to better inform the reader.
6. on page 3, the author puts down: "As a role model, he has published 16 papers..." Who is "he" anyway?
7. Finally, the writing should be very much improved. The current style is not at all consistent with the style of any reputable international journal. In particular, some of the material was not written in complete sentences, which is something that serious academic writing should try to avoid.

