

Review of: "Using concepts related to research design while writing thesis and dissertation at universities: questioning the status quo"

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I consider that the text has numerous aspects to improve in order to be considered in a journal. Below I mention some of the points that I think should be improved:

More current references should be used, that is, from the last 10 years. Additionally, more theoretical frameworks should be included to accompany the text. I believe the text would improve as a literature review on the topic. To achieve this, the entire article selection process, inclusion and exclusion criteria, should be explained.

The APA 7 style guide is not used in the references. For example, in this guide, we no longer include the cities of the publishers.

Regarding the topic, it is not very relevant. We must keep in mind that each country has established structures for their doctoral theses and the conclusion of this text is not significant for research processes. A comparison of the different thesis structures from different countries and/or universities should be made. Furthermore, is it necessary for a scientific methodology to be applied in an exact manner? Is it not more enriching to provide theses with different forms of presentation?

The importance of conducting this research and why it is important to do so should be justified.

In the following paragraph, similarities and differences are mentioned but not described: "I argue that the concepts must be used consistently worldwide by understanding their differences and similarities." It would be interesting to provide them.

I hope that the ideas contributed serve to improve the text and that we can see the study's revision later on.