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# Before & After Editing Sample

Extensive editing + reviewer-style comments (Preview)

What you'll see in 1 minute

- Side-by-side rewrite (clarity + structure)
- Editor comments (Critical / Major / Minor)
- Journal-style formatting snapshot
- What we fix that others miss (desk-reject triggers)

Real-source excerpt used (for demonstration)

Paper: The Impact of Software Team Project Measurements on Students' Performance in Software Engineering Education

Source: *Journal of Education and Practice* (Vol.11, No.31, 2020)

Link:

<https://www.iiste.org/Journals/index.php/JEP/article/download/54746/56558>

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Note: We use only short excerpts and show improvement patterns.

## 1) Before → After (Side-by-side)

**ORIGINAL (Before)**      **EDITED (After) + Intent**

Our approach lets the students expect their engineering performance and focus more on their weaknesses during the software project.

Our approach helps students software anticipate course performance early and focus on the specific project activities where they are underperforming—so they can improve outcomes before the final evaluation.

Edit intent: fix grammar + clarify meaning + make the benefit measurable and reader-friendly.

**Why this edit improves acceptance chances**

- Clear action + outcome (reduces “vague contribution” rejection)
- Removes ambiguous phrasing (weaknesses activities → specific underperforming activities)
- Improves credibility by making the claim precise and testable

## 2) Reviewer-style comments (what an editor notices)

### CRITICAL (desk-reject risk)

- Clarify the claim: specify what is predicted and when (early vs final).
- Define the outcome metric and validation method (split/CV/metrics).

### MAJOR / MINOR (quality + readability)

- Replace informal phrasing with academic precision.
- Add one “so-what” sentence tied to learning outcomes.
- Reduce repetition; keep one idea per sentence.

## 3) Journal-style formatting snapshot (mini)

### Before (common issues)

- Abstract lacks structure
- Outcome unclear
- Weak contribution statement

### After (journal-ready)

- Structured abstract
- Outcome defined + validation stated
- 1-line contribution added

### What we fix that others miss (quick checklist)

- Scope-fit sentence (journal alignment)
- Methods transparency line (what, how, validated)
- Disclosure block (ethics/COI/funding/data + AI if used)
- Claim–evidence alignment (every claim points to data/table)

### Next step (apply this to your manuscript)

Send 1 page (Abstract + Methods) → get a fix-first edit plan.

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# THANK YOU

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