Writing Sample 1 - Review357

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1 Summary

The author provides a summary of research ethics by tackling three themed sections. The first addressed some protocols and the types of subjects that are allowed when conducting research on or with humans. The second section deals with how data is managed, where it is stored, and how it can be shared properly. The third and final discusses what can go wrong when protocol is not followed, The author concludes with an outline of what has been stated.

2 Contributions

The author utilizes several accredited sources to summarize some key areas of research ethics. As a whole, the thoughts in all the sections connect logically while being backed by appropriate references. The "Data Management" section is thorough and addresses a breadth of topics that are necessary to understand. Examples are thought out, but simple enough for anyone reading the paper to understand.

3 Concerns

As a whole, the paper has very little overarching issues that impact the entire body. All the topics are in scope and valid and the other does not stretch outside the bounds of a summary paper.

4 Significant Issues

The lack of an extensive discussion of plagiarism is the most apparent issue in a paper of this kind. Plagiarism is mentioned by the author, but the various varieties and consequences are not properly shown.

5 Minor Issues

Some sentences like "Justice is the idea that all people are equal in receiving due benefits and that burdens are distributed equally" seem injected into the of the "Human Subjects" section for no real reason or justification. The author could also benefit from making use of more complex sentences by combining some simple sentences together. The introduction and conclusion could benefit by being more extensive than just an outline.

6 Overall Statements/Conclusions

This paper presents three topics of research ethics in appropriate detail with good sources. However, It would be better complete with a full section on plagiarism, as well as some minor sentence merging and erasure issues.