

Writing Sample 1 - Review262

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1 Summary

The paper seeks to address common areas that researchers have to deal with in order to maintain a code of research ethics when writing papers and conducting research. The author offers a variety of explanations of the types of plagiarism available, in addition to some of their implications. The author continues into a discussion of how data can be manipulated, alongside a discussion of the ways in which researchers can engage in unethical publishing. The author goes on a brief discussion of common instances of conflicts of interest, and right after discusses how an author can correct their mistakes post publication. The author concludes by reiterating what was stated in the paper.

2 Contributions

The author does a very nice job at giving an overview of all the important fields that dominate the platform of research ethics. The author makes use of a number of examples that can be understood by someone of any background. The ideas presented logically follow each other, and most of the ideas are grouped accordingly.

3 Concerns

The paper as a whole seems to meet the desired subject matter. The scope is outlined in the beginning and the author does not detract from that. However, The paper as a whole would benefit from additional real world references and examples.

4 Significant Issues

The citations for this paper are lacking. References 1 and 2, and they do not give a clear understanding of where the material was obtained from. Topics discussed in the sections "Plagiarism", "Results and Publication", and "Review" were

verbatim covered by Dr. Rapos' slides, but are not referenced or addressed in any way, even when using the exact same phrasing Dr. Rapos used.

5 Minor Issues

Results and Publication would have been much easier to read if they were broken up into their own separate sections, as reading this portion felt disjointed compared to the rest of the paper. The introduction as well as the conclusion could use a more captivating format than an outline of the paper to come followed by what was stated.

6 Overall Statements/Conclusions

The author is good at presenting points in an understandable fashion; however, the lack of valid references and citations to back up the information that is presented leaves the reader incapable of drawing conclusions on the authenticity of what they are reading.