Writing Sample 2 - Review845

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1 Summary

The author of this paper outlines the various forms of research, and corresponds each section with a particular example for that section. The author addresses descriptive research, case study research, empirical research, observational or social research, tool development or evaluation, and experimental research. The author concludes by providing a note on the importance of correctly identifying the correct type of research to understand what approach a person needs to take for their particular research problem.

2 Contributions

The author does a very good job at provided clear, cited examples of the different forms of research, and how they manifest in practice. The sources the author has accumulated and used for this paper are solid and academic.

3 Concerns

The author could have provided additional deliberation to further link together how their examples fulfilled the criteria set up in the definition of each topic provided in the beginning sentence of each subsection. The Introduction and Conclusion are of very little substance and do not provide as much detail as one would desire.

4 Significant Issues

For the topic "Research Experiments", the author does only allots a single small subsection entitled "Experimental Research", which could have been expanded to cover more of the experimental side of all of what they discuss in the remainder of the paper. Particular subsections like "Empirical Research Studies" provides a clear definition in the first couple sentences of what empirical research is, but the author does not clarify exactly how their examples match the definition they provided.

5 Minor Issues

In general, it is good practice to avoid the use of the word "So" to begin a sentence, as is present in the sixth sentence of the introduction. In the subsection "Experimental Research", the author uses the phrase "will be interacting with" instead of "interacts" to maintain the present tense.

6 Overall Statements/Conclusions

The author offers valid dialogue on the different forms of research. Utilizing additional explanation on the examples, as well as potentially focusing more on experiment related content would have provided a stronger paper.