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MANUSCRIPT REVIEW REPORT

Dear Author,

The paper titled *Why We Committed Murder: Views from Convicted Prisoners in Niger State, Nigeria* has been reviewed and the following observations were made by the reviewer. Kindly address the comments and submit the revised manuscript for further consideration.

A. EVALUATION REPORT

Abstract

The abstract captures the essence of the study clearly. However, it should be slightly condensed for clarity and consistency with journal requirements. Ensure that the keywords are limited to five and properly aligned with the study variables.

Introduction

The introduction adequately presents the background and significance of the study. The problem statement is clear and relevant. More recent empirical studies may be included to strengthen the discussion.

Literature Review

Relevant literature was reviewed appropriately. The theoretical framework was adequately linked to the study variables. However, more current references are recommended to improve the scholarly depth.

Methodology

The methodology was clearly presented. Research design, sampling procedure, instruments, and methods of data analysis were discussed appropriately. Ethical considerations may be stated more explicitly.

Results and Discussion

Results were properly presented and interpreted. The discussion aligns with the objectives and findings of the study. Statistical interpretations were satisfactory.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The conclusion reflects the major findings of the study. Recommendations are practical and relevant to the issues investigated.

Citations and References

Most references followed APA style appropriately. Nonetheless, there are minor inconsistencies in citation formatting and referencing style that should be corrected.

Others – specify

The manuscript is well organized and contributes meaningfully to the discourse on violent crime and social conditions in Nigeria.

B. MANUSCRIPT RATINGS

(5 = Excellent, 4 = Good, 3 = Fair, 2 = Poor, 1 = Very Poor)

Criteria	Rating
Introduction	4
Literature Review with current sources	4
Methodology	4
Results and Discussion	4
Conclusion and Recommendations	4
Citations and References	4
Language	4

C. RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation	Decision
Accept the manuscript as it is	
Requires minor revision	X
Requires major revisions	
Reject the manuscript	
Any other (Specify)	