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**HRD JOURNAL GUIDELINES FOR MANUSCRIPT REVIEWERS**

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**MANUSCRIPT ASSESSMENT FORM**

**MANUSCRIPT NO.** .....

**TYPE OF PAPER:** Mixed-Method

**TITLE OF PAPER** .....

**MANUSCRIPT REVIEW CHECKLIST**

**Quality level key: 4 = Excellent, 3 = Good, 2 = Fair, 1 = Unsatisfactory**

Assessment Criteria	Quality Level				Remarks
	4	3	2	1	
<p><b>The Quality of Writing</b></p> <p>1. Quality of the writing: presents ideas clearly why the topic needs to use both qualitative and quantitative in a logical and orderly manner</p>					
<p><b>Contribution to the body of knowledge in the field</b></p> <p>2. Theoretical contribution: Is the study a theoretically important; justifies claims to importance; can take the field into new directions of research</p>					
<p>3. Practical contribution: Is the study a practical importance; links theory and practice</p>					
<p>4. Appropriateness: Is appropriate to the HRD journal; is a new, emerging, or under researched area; is timely in terms of current trends; is provocative and provides new insights</p>					
<p><b>Problem Statement</b></p> <p>5. Presenting the background, the problem needed to be investigated, provides an explanatory statement indicating why both research design: qualitative and quantitative are necessary for the research problem.</p>					
<p>6. The research problem, the purpose of the study and research questions congruence with the research topic</p>					
<p><b>Literature Review</b></p> <p>7. Relevance and scope of the literature review: the literature covers both qualitative and quantitative literature, literature review is up to date; literature is fully discussed; reaches logical.</p>					

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<p><b>The Research Design and Methodology</b></p> <p>8. Appropriateness: uses appropriate mixed methods design for the research problem; justifies use of the mixed methodology based upon research problem and questions.</p>					
<p>9. Provides the information on qualitative method: participants, participant selection, qualitative data collection, qualitative data analysis.</p>					
<p>10. Provide information on quantitative method: population, sample size, sample selection, instrument for data collection, statistics for data analysis.</p>					
<p><b>Trustworthiness/Validity:</b></p> <p>11. Provide evidence to justify the trustworthiness of the qualitative method and the validity of the study: control of the biases in the study, control of extraneous variables, instrument validity, reliability of the quantitative method</p>					
<p>12 Ethical consideration: report how the researcher deal with the ethical issues in the study</p>					
<p><b>Results and Conclusions</b></p> <p>13. Appropriateness of results: Merging both qualitative and quantitative results. Links research questions and data analysis; does not over interpret or under interpret results and conclusions</p>					
<p>14 Appropriateness of the conclusions: links results to conclusions; does not go beyond results in the conclusions; derives theoretical implications from the results; derives practical implications from the results; places results within a broader context; considers both limitations and constraints in the study; does not overlook results that contradict or suggest alternative explanations</p>					
<b>Total</b>					

**DETAILED QUALITATIVE FEEDBACK**

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**OVERALL RATING AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Overall Rating:**  Excellent       Good       Fair       Unsatisfactory

**Unsatisfactory** rating: paper may be rejected or a new version may be submitted for reconsideration

**Fair** rating: paper may be accepted for presentation subject to a major revision

**Good** rating: paper may be accepted for presentation with a minor revision

**Excellent** rating: paper may be accepted for presentation without revision or with a very minor revision

**Recommendations:**

**Acceptable:**     In present form     With minor revision     With major revision

**Unacceptable:**  A new version may be submitted

**NAME OF REVIEWER:** .....

**DATE:** .....