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Is the problem stated clearly?

Are the limitations of the study indicated?

Is the significance of the problem appropriately justified?

Are the previous approaches to the problem appropriately reviewed?

Review of literature

Does the review present a coherent argument to justify the research study?

Are the salient issues within previous studies relating to the research problem adequately discussed?

Have gaps in knowledge in the area been identified?

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Is an appropriate theoretical framework adequately described?

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Is the method clearly described?

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Are all presented conclusions appropriately justified?

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