
Book Review: A Guide in Conducting Basic Research

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ABSTRACT

Beginner researchers and health students need guidebooks to be able to carry out basic research well, so basic research guidebooks are very important. This study aims to review a basic research guidebook. The review is carried out using a systematic method including a summary of the book, advantages, disadvantages and suggestions for improvement. The results of the review show that in general this guidebook is good, but there are still shortcomings in terms of structure, information and lack of examples. It is concluded that this book is very important and needs to be updated immediately to eliminate existing deficiencies.

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INTRODUCTION

We have read a book entitled "A Guide in Conducting Basic Research" written by Joel Rey U. Acob and Heru Santoso Wahito Nugroho (Figure 1).⁽¹⁾ This book is published by the Alliance of Health Activists (AloHA) in 2021, which is expected to be a guide in conducting basic research, covering a variety of basic research topics, including an overview of research, formulation of research problems and objectives, theoretical and conceptual framework, study significance, study scope and limitations, review of related literature, structure and style of writing, good quality of research instruments, research design, sampling design, presentation, analysis, and interpretation of data, summary of findings, guide to criticizing interpretations, dimensions of research report, conclusions and recommendations, bibliography and reference documentation, ethical issues in research, abstract writing, and participatory action research.

This book provides a detailed step-by-step guide for researchers in conducting basic research. This covers various aspects of research, starting from formulating research problems, selecting and preparing appropriate research designs, data collection, data processing, data analysis and data interpretation, to preparing good research reports.

Although there is no specific information about the level of success in implementing the contents of this book, it is hoped that this book will provide practical guidance and can be applied by readers in conducting basic research. However, the level of ease of application of the contents of this book may vary depending on the reader's background knowledge and experience in conducting research.⁽¹⁾

REVIEW

As stated above, this book is very useful, especially for novice researchers and students, however we see that there are several shortcomings that can be identified in this book. First, this book does not mention in detail the content or topics discussed. We only know that this book is a guide to conducting basic research, but there is no information about specific research topics or subjects. Second, in the introduction it is stated that this book is the second edition without any significant changes regarding the content. This could be considered an incompleteness because readers would naturally expect updates or improvements in the latest edition of this book. Third, no information is provided about the structure and organization of the book. For example, there is no table of contents mentioned in the document, which could help readers to understand how the book is organized and what topics are covered in each chapter. Fourth, this book has minimal examples of research applications, even though this is very important for readers to apply the contents of the book in research practice in the field.



Figure 1. The cover of book

CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the review systematically,⁽²⁾ it can be concluded that this book is very important as a guide for novice researchers and students so they can carry out research well, but the contents of the book need to be updated immediately, equipped with examples and complete information about structure and organization.

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