English for Your Manuscript

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Common Practices

• highlight a chronological order.
• present research methodology.
• describe specific issues taking place during the study.

• introduce the rationale.
• present theoretical considerations.
• present findings.
• When you conclude.
instead of  use

- talked about several of  discussed
- It goes without saying that  (none)
- don’t, isn’t  have no, is no longer
- the writer  I, we. Or, use passive voice
- before, after  prior to, subsequent to
- namely  (none); Or, i.e.,
- above, below  (none)
- So, so that  (none), in that
- It is the governor who signs or vetoes bills.  The governor signs or vetoes bills.
- There are three aspects of…  Three aspects of…

Write down your findings in one sentence using ACTIVE voice.

Findings:
The US contributes to 5% of world population, but 31% gun violence in the world.

Findings:
75% startups fail within 5 years.
Novelty Statement

Example:

Novelty statement (4-5 points) highlighting scientific merit of the work reported in the manuscript:

- Source of fuel for drying process related to the 9,10-AQ content
- Range of concentration of 9,10-AQ content in Indonesian tea
- Viability of human cancer cells on 9,10-anthraquinone
- MRL revisited on 9,10-anthraquinone

Title

Re-estimating the Zakat Potential in Indonesia based on Classical and Contemporary Fiqh Approaches
Abstract

In this study, we simulate three scenarios of project financing with (a) murabaha as a margin-based contract, (b) musharaka as a PLS contract and (c) a convertible ijarah contract. The aim is to evaluate whether the convertible ijarah contract will provide a higher return for the financier compared to the other contracts. The main input of the simulation is 9 sectors of Indonesian SMEs’ financial performance. Results indicate that when the financial performance of Indonesian SMEs was measured by short-term financial performance, the convertible ijarah contract outperformed the murabaha contract for all sectors but did not outperform the musharaka contract, except for low-margin sectors. However, when the financial performance of Indonesians SMEs was measured by long-term economic performance, we found that the convertible ijarah contract outperformed the murabaha contract and musharaka contract for almost all sectors.
Key words

- Avoid using the words already in the title.

Examples:
**Manuscript title:** Body, Body, Body

**Poor keywords:** body; catharsis; conflict; confrontation; contemplation; drawing.

**Better keywords:** body; catharsis; color strokes; conflict; confrontation; contemplation; drawing; (X theory of representation of the body)

Introduction

- Is there an explicit research gap in the introduction? → reading skills, previous studies.
- Is there some form of a statement of the problem? → argumentation, possibilities
- Is there a clear thesis in the manuscript? → contribution to the field of study
How to Write Statement of The Problem

Ideal | Reality | Your contribution

Connector: However, Unfortunately

Connector: Without it, Thus,

Previous studies/theories on ...

Previous studies on ...

Never

• State that ‘NO ONE’ has done such a study (not an excuse!) → instead, state: ‘very little research has been done on ________, except for this (X, 2010) and that (Y, 2015).

• Jump too far to policies (or governments/politics) → instead, focus on facts and findings. Even if you really, really, really want to critique a certain policy, make sure you have a narrowed down aspect of the policy and LOTS of evidence.
Methodology

The type of data in this study is secondary data which it is monthly time-series data for the period 2010-2016 and cross-section data. The range of data is taken from 2010 where the global economy is getting better after global crisis in 2008 (UN, 2010). In addition, it is only until 2016 to avoid the recession risk assumptions in 2018 (Borio, Mathias, & Xia, 2018).

The Data covers 9 samples of OIC member countries namely Indonesia, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Benin, Egypt and Malaysia. In general, the data in this study were obtained from the World Bank, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Transparency International, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the African Development Bank (AFDB), the Central Bureau of Statistics (BPS) and OIC.
Recorded monthly time-series and cross-section data in 2010-2016 relevant to nine OIC member countries (Indonesia, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Benin, Egypt and Malaysia) were analyzed. Data were collected from the World Bank, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Transparency International, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the African Development Bank (AFDB), the Central Bureau of Statistics (BPS) and OIC.

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Results
Based on previous research conducted by Gaffar, Setiyorini, & Othman (2013) found that the assessment of the availability of sharia lodging or hotels, especially in Bandung, was only 44%. Whereas the level of importance or need for sharia hotels is very high at 86%. This study also examines the perception of the availability of sharia-based tourism facilities in Bandung.

First of all, only 44% sharia lodging or hotels were available, especially in Bandung, as opposed to 86% sharia hotel needs (Gaffar et al., 2013).

Describing Visuals

- In (23), ....
- Table 7 indicates ....
- Use expressions for graph writing: overall, numbers, fraction, specifically.
- Use expressions for statistics: rise, fall, plummet, soar, level off, bottom out.
- Mention the important details that you want to highlight. Explicitly.
Conclusion

Rule of Thumb

• Restate the thesis.
• Avoid repeating results.
• Avoid bullet points or numbering.
• Avoid introducing something new.
• Aim for 5% of total thesis.

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The funding agency should be written out in full, followed by the grant number in square brackets.
This work was supported by the Trust [grant numbers xxxx, yyy]; the Natural Environment Research Council [grant number zzzz]; and the Economic and Social Research Council [grant number aaaa].

Multiple grant numbers should be separated by comma and space. Where the research was supported by more than one agency, the different agencies should be separated by semi-colon, with “and” before the final funder.

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If no specific funding has been provided for the research corresponding authors should state so.
References

• Only relevant references to the existing research.
• 1:1 ratio for Indonesian sources and international references.
• Stay relevant. Good proportions of seminal works and current studies.
• Stick with the conventions when listing online sources

Writing for scientific publication

not only

English language
agreeing with theories
reporting an experiment
showing a proof for completing a research work
sharing a research work
representing yourself

but also

Your argument.
Stating your original contribution.
Offering an upgrade of methodology.
Demonstrating future research opportunities.
telling a ‘personal’ story about experience in science.
advocating your institution/country.
### How to Paraphrase

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Some techniques to help you paraphrase effectively:

- Using synonyms
- Changing Word Forms
- Changing direct Quotation to Indirect Quotation
- Changing voice
- Changing clauses and phrases
- Changing word order

Using synonyms

Original
Paraphrasing is hard to do without good examples.

Possible Paraphrases
Paraphrasing is difficult if there are no effective examples to study.
Paraphrasing is challenging if there are no effective examples to study.
Paraphrasing is an ordeal if there are no effective examples to study.
Original

The flow of water back to the sea results from the precipitation of rain and its absorption by the soil.

Paraphrase

Because rain is precipitated and absorbed by the soil, water flows back to the sea.

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