Suzana B Soo: Pathway to inclusion: attitudes towards inclusive education of intellectually

disabled children in the Czech Republic

The research conducted is focused on attitudes as a significant indicator when observing

educational reality.

In the report the author demonstrates her critical understanding methods of the research. The

research is professionally relevant to her practice.

In the chapter "Literature review" the author defines and discusses the key concepts. Research

conducted by others is critically analyzed and evaluated. However the review is rather fragmental.

The chapter would profit from a summary.

Research methodology, research methods and validity/reliability are sufficiently identified and

justified. I particularly appreciate that historical development of educational research was taken

into consideration.

Data are analyzed in chapter four. It is a shame that the method of observation was rather left

behind the other methods used in the research. Thus more information about the observation is

needed such as information about which situations were observed in particular and why.

Reached conclusions are sufficiently justified and demonstrated. However, very little is written

about their significance for future practice of the author. Which conclusions and recommendations

would be particularly important to take and implement home in Singapore?

Overall it is very good peace of research. The outcomes of this research leads us to consider to

teachers' and parents ' causal contributions and believes as highly influential aspects of the

classroom environment for pupils with SEN. It highlights the importance of considering

environmental factors which extend beyond a narrow focus on the curriculum.

As a tutor of Susana I would also like to highlight her research skills which she demonstrated

during her work such as enhanced communicative skills, organization and great independence,

initiative and self-confidence. Her writing and editing style also requires my acknowledgment.

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