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Message from the Manuscript Reviewer

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Thank you for choosing Enago to assist you in revising your paper. I have carefully reviewed your manuscript and have performed a comprehensive evaluation. Based on the reviewer comments, I have made several changes to the manuscript and have rewritten responses to reflect the same.

In this report, I have listed down all the major and minor changes made to the manuscript, enhancements that can be made to further strengthen the study, and next steps.

We wish you the very best for the successful publication of your manuscript and look forward to working with you again.

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List of Major Changes

○ Abstract:

I have suggested a very substantial revision to your Abstract because it seemed confused and not at all what you intended to say. Your initial text indicated that the paper presents the first evidence of geographic concentration of foreign visitors. This phrasing suggests that visitors to Japan come from very few places, when, in fact, what you mean is that their destinations were highly concentrated. This is a persistent confusion throughout the manuscript. In addition, it didn't seem necessary to speak about regions when you have drawn your data from prefectures. Therefore, I changed references to regions to prefectures. Third, it doesn't seem at all odd that foreign travelers would visit far fewer places than Japanese travelers visit in their own country. Therefore, it isn't immediately clear why you find this fact important enough to lead with it in your Abstract. Fourth, economic size was an ambiguous term. Since you calculate for prefectural GDP, I have suggested that editorial change. You might also consider gross prefectural product.

○ Introduction and Literature Review:

The author should go further in describing the problem under investigation. That is, make clear what is being studied and why. How does your study make a contribution to the field? Essentially, clarify for readers why the problem is important and deserves to be studied.

When the readers say the paper is not "well conceptualized," they are concerned that the issues are not spelled out clearly in terms of the various concept to be examined and also, I think, that the treatment of them is more "superficial" than in-depth.

The background and the rationale for the study are good, but those aspects are discussed more than the problem, which needs to be more clearly defined. For instance, this describes the content of the study, but not the specific aim/purpose/problem: "This article focuses on worldwide graduate student mobility between institutions, and quantitatively analyses more than 7,000 trajectories of students which connect institutions that award bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees. The trajectories



were obtained from the biographical notes of authors attached to journal articles in the fields of computer vision, robotics and electron devices.

So the author should make a more explicit statement of the specific issue(s) the paper will address—brain drain? the creation of social capital? the nature/identity of institutions that send their students to top research universities?

Think about writing a statement that begins with “The purpose of this study is to...”

Statements like this should also be developed further: “reveal the generic relationship between mobility and institutions.” Spell this out more. Briefly state, in precise words, what this means and what you will discuss about this in the paper. What kind of relationship is this?

Similarly, explain general statements like this: “we shed light on the universities which underpin research universities from the aspect of graduate student mobility.” What will you discuss about these universities? What will you reveal that has not been known or studied before?

This is another broad statement that could use more development/explanation: “The circumstances surrounding international student mobility profoundly affect policy-making decisions related to the higher education system in every country, yet the statistical data are insufficient, especially for graduate students who are applicants of scholars except several countries.” How are policy decisions affected? Why is this important (for students, for governments, etc.)? How are students and educational institutions influenced by this issue?

To deepen the analysis, it might help you to go through the Introduction especially and ask yourself about particular statement: Why is this important? Why is this significant? The answers you come up with can then be included as part of your discussion to give readers more insight into the topic and problem.

Also, it would be helpful for readers if you broke down the various aspects of the problem and discussed each one in a separate paragraph: brain drain, social capital, the relationship between mobility and institutions, the types of universities that send graduate students to research universities vs. the types that retain their own graduate students, etc. A clearer structure (in the form of paragraphs) will make specific points stand out more clearly).

Additionally, there are many sources listed in the References that aren’t cited in the body of the paper. The journal specifies that only sources cited in-text should be listed in the References. Perhaps some of these sources could be discussed and cited as a way of providing a more in-depth introduction and literature review.

○ Methods:

I have made several changes to this section. For example, the literature generally prefers preferences over preference except when speaking of a specific singular preference, as you do in several places, and I have made changes accordingly. Also, you speak of policies as if they make decisions. I have suggested policy-makers in those instances.

The editor and the reviewers emphasized that they expect a complete rewrite of the paper, in other words, major revisions. Based on my reading of their comments and also the paper, I believe they are looking for a deeper analysis. I think the changes made so far are a good start, but they don’t seem to address all of the readers’ concerns. Maybe the revisions are major in light of the first draft that was submitted, but they should go further. My comments that follow are intended to help the author develop his analysis.



○ Discussion:

One reviewer asked for a stronger Discussion and Conclusion, noting that if the Introduction/Lit. Reviews are revised, and then these latter sections will change accordingly and also become stronger.

So here, you should briefly restate the purpose/aim of the study, sum up the results in general, and state your main finds about graduate students and mobility, and why each finding is important for the overall problem you are investigating. Presently, it's difficult to disentangle what are your own findings and what are those from other studies. For example, "There is a tendency generally for top-ranked research universities to enroll undergraduate students from other universities in various countries." If this is your own idea, then emphasize that, possibly by enumerating your findings ("First, we found that...") and/or using transitions ("Another important finding...")

Some of the statements in this section sound more like restatements of previous research, so if you are adding a new insight/interpretation, you should say specifically what it is and tell its significance. An interpretation is your explanation of why something is important. For example, this could be put into a separate paragraph and elaborated upon: "Furthermore, the world university rankings indirectly reflect the economic level of the host country through governmental expenditure for research and education and advanced research facilities." That is, why is this important in terms of the focus of your study?

Highlight your own findings and ideas, rather than casting sentences as restatements of previous research, or at least make clear that your own results are supported by previous research ("The results, especially in computer vision, suggest a possibility that global flows of graduate students from lower-ranked universities to higher-ranked universities enhance definite stratification within higher education institutions, as Marginson and van der Wende (2007) pointed out.").

Returning to the point about deepening the analysis, explain too some of the same statements that seem rather "obvious." For example: "The high percentage of internal graduate students at Stanford University and MIT, as shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 6, indicates that top-ranked universities attract students." This could use more explanation, because it does not seem surprising that top-ranked institutions would attract students, so let readers know why this is important.

In other instances, some of the word choice is vague. Think about your readers and try to be more precise. For instance, explain how this subpoint relates to the previous point and develop the statement more: "Although the University of Tokyo, shown in Fig. 7, also indicates a high percentage of internal graduate students, we have to consider the special situation of higher education in Japan, discussed by Horta et al. (2011), regarding aspects of the historical background and institutional identity related to academic inbreeding." Link the point about the historical background and institutional identity to why Japanese students might choose to stay in Japan.

It would help the paper structurally—and help the readers identify your points more easily—if you focused on each point in a separate paragraph and started by stating the point first, followed by the examples.



○ Conclusion:

The Conclusion section is rather repetitive; however, the goal here is actually to contribute to an overall interpretation that you are offering in the paper and to help the reader understand the problem and the issues related to it.

Therefore, develop/discuss the implications of your findings, such as: “Our analysis on the global flows of graduate students between more than 1,600 institutions contributes to our understanding of such a complex situation.” How/Why does it contribute?

Other points also repeat the aims of the paper, but no new conclusions are presented: “The world university ranking is considered as a significant pull factor in the global mobility of graduate students, which may in turn promote stratification between institutions in higher education.” What are the implications of such stratification? Why is this important? Or “We shed light on the universities which underpin research universities and which are concealed behind the university rankings.” What do we know about these universities or about the propensity of students to move about that we did not know before?

List of Minor Changes

○ Formatting:

Your target journal requires tables and figures to be on a separate page. This was done.

Your target journal requires footnotes to be double-spaced. We have made this change.

Your target journal requires references to be double-spaced. Yours were 1.5 spaces. We have made this change as part of general format compliance.

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