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Book Name:	Current Progress in Arts and Social Studies Research
Manuscript Number:	Ms_BPR_2102
Title of the Manuscript:	COMMUNITY POLICING FORUMS AND BOARDS FOSTER COMMUNICATION AND TRUST BETWEEN THE POLICE AND COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA
Type of the Article	Book chapter

PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The article addresses interesting topics related to the communication between the police and the communities. However, there are several critical issues concerning the completion of this article/ chapter of the book: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Self-plagiarism: It is almost identical - 99% similitude index (not an extended version, as would be acceptable) to a previously published article: John Motsamai Modise (2024). Community Policing Forums and Boards Foster Communication and Trust between the Police and Communities in South Africa, International Journal of Innovative Science and Research Technology, 9(1), pp. 2053-2062Over-structuring: The writing style is overly structured, with multiple, excessive enumerations, which is characteristic of AI tools used for generating ideas. On one hand, this makes the material difficult to read and the ideas hard to understand; on the other hand, it generates repetitive and superficial messages.Lack of methodological rigor: It is difficult to categorize the article: it is not a Review Article (there are insufficient bibliographic sources) nor a Case Study/ Original Research; at most, it might be close to a "Perspective, opinion, and commentary" category, but it requires in-depth discussions and interpretations of the subjects addressed.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Partially; it could be improved. Although it includes the key words of the conveyed messages, the title is formulated as a statement/ sentence, which implies a deterministic orientation. A shorter and more suggestive title would be, for example: Community Policing Forums and Boards as Instruments of Integrated Communication	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	Partially. The abstract contains elements of an extensive enumeration, whereas it would have been more appropriate to include a specific objective suited to a chapter/article/scientific research (the objective stated at the beginning of the abstract is more pragmatic in nature) along with mentions of the methodological approach and the main results and conclusions.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	No. There is over-structuring with excessive enumerations, characteristic of AI tools; the use of tables would be helpful. Additionally, the paragraph regarding the methodological approach is missing.	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The article does not clearly present the methodological approach. The conveyed messages are repetitive and lack consistency. The sources it is based on need to be clearly specified. The depth of discussions and conclusive messages should be increased.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. =	No, the bibliographic sources are few and do not include scientific articles. There are many relevant papers in this topic – for example: Blair, G., Weinstein, J. M., Christia, F., Arias, E., Badran, E., Blair, R. A., ... & Wilke, A. M. (2021). Community policing does not build citizen trust in police or reduce crime in the Global South. <i>Science</i> , 374(6571), eabd3446. Geldenhuys, K. (2020). Community policing-when communities form partnerships with the police. <i>Servamus Community-based Safety and Security Magazine</i> , 113(11), 24-27.	

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	<p>Makondo, S. S., Mofokeng, J. T., & Khosa, D. (2021). Perspectives on Community Policing Forum in Rural Areas of Limpopo Province, South Africa. <i>International Journal of Criminal Justice Sciences</i>, 16(1), 161-185.</p> <p>Pelser, E. (1999). The challenges of community policing in South Africa. <i>Institute for Security Studies Papers</i>, 1999(42), 10.</p> <p>Sauerman, A., Kutnjak Ivković, S., & Meyer, M. (2019). Exploring the relation between support for community policing and police integrity in South Africa. <i>Exploring Police Integrity: Novel Approaches to Police Integrity Theory and Methodology</i>, 111-137.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>The paper could be developed into a substantial and relevant article if issues related to self-plagiarism are addressed (by expanding the already published material by the same author by at least 25%), improving the depth of research (by adding more bibliographic sources, including scientific articles), and moving away from the overly structured style of expression. A case study approach, with the analysis of a specific case, would be useful.</p>	

PART 2:

	<p>Reviewer’s comment</p>	<p>Author’s comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</p>
<p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p>	<p>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</p>	

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