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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p>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.</p>	<p>The study investigates a novel aspect of doctoral education, specifically the impact of a new graduation requirement on student outcomes. This contributes to the growing body of research on doctoral education and its effectiveness.</p> <p>The study contributes to the development of theories related to doctorateness, liminality, and threshold concepts, potentially leading to new insights in this field.</p> <p>By addressing these areas, the manuscript has the potential to influence research, policy, and practice in higher education, ultimately contributing to the advancement of knowledge in the field.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The title is generally informative and intriguing. It clearly indicates the focus of the study on a new graduation condition and its potential impact on doctoral students. The phrase "A Nudge Towards Doctorateness?" is thought-provoking and suggests the possibility of a positive outcome.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>The abstract is generally well-structured and informative. It effectively conveys the core elements of the research, including the problem, research questions, methodology, and key findings.</p> <p>Here are some minor suggestions for improvement:</p> <p>Clarity on the new graduation condition: While the abstract mentions a new graduation condition, it might be helpful to briefly specify the nature of this condition (e.g., requiring publication and presentation).</p> <p>Highlight research contribution: The abstract could more explicitly state the unique contribution of the study to the field. For example, it could highlight the focus on the experience of doctoral students in relation to the new requirement</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>Based on the provided sections (Introduction, Literature Review, Methodology, Findings and Analysis, Conclusion, and Recommendations), the manuscript follows a standard structure for research articles. This structure is generally accepted in academic publishing and allows for a clear and logical presentation of the research.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>The manuscript demonstrates a strong foundation in scientific research methodology. By employing both qualitative and quantitative research methods, the authors have adopted a comprehensive approach to investigating the research question. The use of established theoretical frameworks, such as liminality and threshold concepts, provides a robust analytical lens for interpreting the findings. Furthermore, the clear articulation of research questions and objectives, coupled with a systematic presentation of results, enhances the manuscript's scientific rigor.</p> <p>While a more in-depth evaluation would require a thorough examination of the specific data and analysis, the provided manuscript indicates a solid methodological approach and a commitment to scholarly inquiry.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p>	<p>Based on the provided information, the reference list appears to include a solid foundation of relevant literature. The inclusion of works from various authors and publication dates suggests a reasonable effort to cover the relevant research landscape.</p>	

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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language used in the manuscript appears to be generally suitable for scholarly communication. The text demonstrates a good command of academic English, with clear and concise sentence structure.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>Strengths of the Manuscript Clear Topic and Research Question: The manuscript clearly identifies the topic of investigating the impact of a new graduation requirement on doctoral student quality at the University of Nigeria (UNN). The research question focuses on whether this requirement nudges students towards "doctorateness" through liminality (a transitional state). Relevant Theory: The study incorporates relevant theories of doctorateness, threshold concepts, and liminality to analyze the students' experiences. Data Collection Methods: The use of interviews with supervisors and questionnaires for students provides a well-rounded perspective on the issue. Preliminary Findings: The manuscript presents initial findings that suggest the new requirement may be pushing students towards liminality and potentially doctorateness. It also highlights the importance of early exposure to research complexities for a smoother transition. Areas for Improvement Data Analysis Details: The manuscript mentions analyzing interview and questionnaire data, but it would benefit from a more detailed explanation of the analysis methods used (e.g., thematic analysis). Addressing Counter-Arguments: The manuscript suggests the new requirement benefits students, but could it potentially discourage some from pursuing a doctorate due to the perceived difficulty? International Applicability: While the study focuses on UNN, a discussion on the generalizability of the findings to other universities or countries could be included. Overall Impression This manuscript presents a well-structured study on the impact of a new doctoral graduation requirement. By addressing the suggested improvements, the manuscript can be strengthened for publication.</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><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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