

All three major points that I raised in the review, including (1) abstract findings, (2) method validity section, and (3) title simplification, have been fully implemented. The paper now qualifies for "Minor Revision Accepted" ($\approx 9/10$) per my reviewer comments.

However, the author must address the following minor revisions:

1. The reference list shows minor spacing inconsistencies, such as tabs and indentation. The author should ensure that the reference list from Goodman (2019) to TS-DSI (2021) is neatly and consistently spaced out, with better indentation.

2. The reference list below has misspellings that ought to be corrected:

a. Between the words 'Center' and 'Strategic,' were you typing the word 'For' instead of 'or'?

Barany, Z. (2020). *Arms Procurement and Corruption in the Gulf Monarchies*. Center for Strategic and International Studies.

b. After the word "combating," were you trying to type "corruption"?

Goodman, C. (2019). Holes in the Net: US Arms Export Control Gaps in Combating Corruption. London: Transparency International Defence and Security. https://ti-defence.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/US_Arms_Export_Gaps_in_Combatting_Corruption_v2_digital.pdf [accessed 26 March 2020].

c. There are misspellings in Pyman (2023), Magahy and Pyman (2009), Roy (2021), and Salah (2023).