

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-54372

Title: MEASURING THE IMPACT OF HYBRID WARFARE AND GRAY ZONE STRATEGIES ON TURKEY'S MIDDLE EAST POLICY: 1991-2024

Recommendation:

Accept as it is ...Yes

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	Yes			
Techn. Quality		Yes		
Clarity		Yes		
Significance		Yes		

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

1. **Originality:** The research demonstrates strong originality by linking Turkey's Middle East policy evolution with hybrid warfare and gray zone strategies a connection that has received limited academic attention. The long-term period (1991–2024) offers a valuable longitudinal perspective rarely explored in existing literature.
2. To further enhance originality, the study could integrate new theoretical frameworks or comparative insights (e.g., contrasting Turkey's approach with Russia or Iran) to highlight unique regional patterns in hybrid strategy adoption.
3. **Technical Quality:** The paper reflects sound technical grounding, using historical and policy analysis effectively.
4. **Clarity:** The paper is well-structured, but some arguments could be more tightly organized to ensure a logical flow from theory to empirical evidence.
5. **Significance:** The study is highly significant and policy-relevant, as it deepens understanding of Turkey's evolving security doctrine and regional influence.