

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: The Architecture of Moral Collapse: A Medical Humanities Analysis of Keigo Higashino's The Devotion of Suspect X.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (Reasons below)

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

Reviewer Name: Tahir Ahmad

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The manuscript entitled "*The Architecture of Moral Collapse: A Medical Humanities Analysis of Keigo Higashino's The Devotion of Suspect X*" presents a well-structured and innovative exploration of the intersection between literature, moral philosophy, and the medical humanities. The author successfully applies frameworks such as bioethics, narrative competence, and the ethics of care to re-evaluate the moral and psychological underpinnings of Higashino's novel.

Strengths:

- The paper demonstrates strong originality by connecting crime fiction with medical humanities—an interdisciplinary approach that is both refreshing and intellectually engaging.
- The argument effectively traces the transformation from forensic truth to narrative truth, illustrating how emotional and moral vulnerabilities challenge scientific objectivity.
- The author's interpretation of Ishigami as a case study in "moral pathology" and "ontological injury" adds depth to the moral discourse within literature.
- The writing is largely clear, coherent, and well-referenced, showing a mature grasp of both literary analysis and ethical theory.

Areas for Minor Revision:

1. **Structural Flow:** Some paragraphs are overly long and could benefit from minor segmentation to enhance readability.

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2. **Source Integration:** A few references (e.g., web-based materials) might be better replaced with peer-reviewed or scholarly sources to strengthen academic rigor.
3. **Language and Formatting:** Minor typographical errors (missing spaces, inconsistent citation style) should be corrected before publication.
4. **Conclusion Expansion:** The conclusion could more explicitly connect the literary analysis to broader implications for medical humanities education or narrative ethics.

Overall, the manuscript contributes meaningfully to interdisciplinary studies by demonstrating how literature can serve as a diagnostic tool for moral and psychological crises. With minor refinements, it will make a valuable addition to scholarship in medical humanities and narrative ethics.