



### REVIEWER'S REPORT

**Manuscript No.:** IJAR-55161

**Title:** A critical exposition of the two physical criteria of personal identity.

**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:** Abdul Hameed Shah

### Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The manuscript presents a detailed philosophical examination of personal identity, focusing specifically on the two physical criteria—bodily continuity and brain continuity—through the works of Bernard Williams, Sydney Shoemaker, and David Wiggins. The paper demonstrates strong engagement with classical and contemporary debates in the philosophy of mind and metaphysics.

#### Strengths of the Manuscript:

- The paper shows **solid command of philosophical literature**, particularly Locke, Williams, Shoemaker, and Wiggins.
- The discussion of **memory, bodily continuity, duplication, and fission problems** is thoughtful and conceptually accurate.
- The comparative treatment of the **bodily criterion and brain criterion** is a key strength and is well supported by thought experiments.
- The manuscript contributes to academic discourse by clarifying distinctions within the physical criteria of personal identity, especially through its concluding emphasis on “external bodily continuity.”

#### Areas for Improvement:

- The manuscript would benefit from **improved clarity and organization**, as several paragraphs are lengthy and densely argued, which may challenge reader comprehension.
- There are **grammatical, typographical, and formatting inconsistencies** (spacing, punctuation, citation style) that should be corrected for publication quality.
- While the exposition is strong, the paper could further enhance its contribution by offering **more explicit critical evaluation** rather than primarily descriptive comparison.
- The introduction could be sharpened by clearly stating the **central thesis and argumentative direction** earlier in the paper.

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- The conclusion, though conceptually sound, could be strengthened by briefly summarizing the implications of the analysis for contemporary debates on personal identity.

### **Overall Evaluation:**

The manuscript is a well-researched and intellectually rigorous philosophical study that engages deeply with foundational issues in personal identity. With minor revisions aimed at improving clarity, structure, and language, the paper would be suitable for publication in a philosophy journal.