Decision Letter (IJOES-11-2017-0198)

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CC:
Subject: International Journal of Ethics and Systems - Decision on Manuscript ID IJOES-11-2017-0198

Body: 26-Jan-2018

Dear Dr. Abu Alhaj,

Manuscript ID IJOES-11-2017-0198 entitled "Development of the Islamic Nuclear Capabilities in the Contemporary Reality: Motives, Controls, and Constraints" which you submitted to the International Journal of Ethics and Systems, has been reviewed. The comments of the referee(s) are included at the bottom of this letter.

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Once again, thank you for submitting your manuscript to the International Journal of Ethics and Systems and I look forward to receiving your revision.

Yours sincerely,
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Referee(s)’ Comments to Author:
Referee: 1

Recommendation: Minor Revision

Comments:
1) Kindly well-editing the whole paper. There are some spelling mistakes.
2) Please refer format of this journal appropriately.
3) Please standardize the Masehi year, it is advisable to convert Hijriah year to Masehi year for readable purposes.
4) As for journal article, it is advisable to put footnote at the endnote of the paper (before reference)
5) The abstract should be written in IJOES format.
6) Kindly differentiate between journal article format and thesis/dissertation/project paper format. For instance, research problem, research questions, research objectives, research structure, preface, study terms are not written in the journal article. However, the objective of the paper can be written at the end of the introduction section and also can be highlighted in the abstract.
7) At the conclusion section, first sentence: it is advisable to summarize that Islam is the comprehensive religion which has holistic tenets and legislation.
8) References: do not write the list of references (check format). The format for references is not in numbering.
9) This paper is good since the topic will give a new side of nuclear capabilities in Islamic perspective, thus it is advisable to check formatting and suggestions given for the better improvement.

Additional Questions:
1. Originality: Does the paper contain new and significant information adequate to justify publication?: The paper has proposed new concept of Islamic Nuclear Capabilities. It presents the view the historical overview of the traditional Islamic weapons and current possession of nuclear capabilities.

2. Relationship to Literature: Does the paper demonstrate an adequate understanding of the relevant literature in the field and cite an appropriate range of literature sources? Is any significant work ignored?: The paper demonstrates an appropriate understanding of the relevant literature in the field. The below lists are the cited literature were quoted in the paper but not quoted in the reference section:
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   - Scons et al. (2005)
   - Kakhia (2005)
   - Hiller
   - Al-Manaaawi
   - Ka’wash (1978)
   - Ataaya (1998)
   - Al-Sharbeeni (1997 ? 1972?
   - Assayooti (1983)
   - Ibn Othaymeen ? year?
   - The Juridical Magazine year?
   - Abu Zahrah ?
   - Abdol Hakeem (2013)
   - Barzegar (2010)

3. Methodology: Is the paper's argument built on an appropriate base of theory, concepts, or other ideas? Has the research or equivalent intellectual work on which the paper is based been well designed? Are the methods employed appropriate?: This paper only discusses the doctrinal controls, motives and constraint of possessing the nuclear weapons. It is suggested to provide the specific theory on related to possessing the nuclear weapons of nuclear capabilities since the main issue of this paper is establishing the Islamic nuclear capabilities concept.

4. Results: Are results presented clearly and analysed appropriately? Do the conclusions adequately tie together the other elements of the paper?: The paper has shown a quite dry result on the issues discussed. It shows the descriptive paper which describes the controls, motives and constraints of possessing the nuclear capabilities.

5. Implications for research, practice and/or society: Does the paper identify clearly any implications for research, practice and/or society?: This paper should have clear implication to the Muslim countries in possessing nuclear weapons. However, it has not provided the benefit and cost-effective on the society. What are the major benefits for the country if wanted to establish the nuclear weapons rather than
enhancing the social capital in a country. And how about the implication on the environment and quality of life?

6. Quality of Communication: Does the paper clearly express its case, measured against the technical language of the field and the expected knowledge of the journal’s readership? Has attention been paid to the clarity of expression and readability, such as sentence structure, jargon use, acronyms, etc.: Overall of this paper is satisfactory.

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