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Prof. Laura Huey

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*Police Practice and Research*

Dear Prof. Huey,

I wish to submit an original research article entitled “The challenge of the distrust of minority populations in police work: Israeli police work and the Arab population” for consideration by the *Police Practice and Research* journal.

I confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

In this paper, I show the evolution of Arab communities’ trust and confidence-related issues by examining detailed quantitative surveys conducted by a recently established administrative unit of the Israel police force over three consecutive years. My paper analyzes the findings from these studies, the strategies adopted by the unit to improve police work and strengthen trust in it, the difference in needs identified by the Arab population, and how their satisfaction with police work has evolved. It also recommends additional directions for more effective action.

This analysis is highly significant for police-community relations in Israel and represents an important case study. I believe this paper will appeal not only to academics engaged in studying policing matters, but also to practitioners, community groups, and others engaged in community policing issues. The study offers to your readers unique insights into the ways these issues are being addressed in a society facing unique challenges.

I have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

Please address all correspondence concerning this manuscript to me at chenl@erech-nosaf.co.il.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

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