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Evaluation form for PhD dissertation

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Title of the thesis

Fictional Gayspeak and Gay Men in Twenty First Century British Drama

Affiliation of the reviewer

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Report

This PhD dissertation constitutes a neat, clear presentation of a practical approach to the linguistic representation of gay characters in 21st-century British theatre. The dissertation meets all the basic requirements for a doctoral academic work, in terms of literature review, organisation, structure and presentation of results. This work offers an interesting (and powerful) combination of quantitative and qualitative research procedures, which gives strength to the whole project. An innovative and practical framework for analysis is offered -i.e. a compilation of linguistic traits usually (though impressionistically) associated with male gay characters, deriving from a thorough revision of previous literature on the topic. Results are interesting though perhaps rather limited, but all in all they constitute a remarkable step ahead in comparison with previous studies. Due to the author's ambitious research, perhaps a few issues have been left unattended -for instance, a greater connection between quantitative and qualitative analytical procedures; a more refined typology for the analysis of gayspeak; a wider exploration of the (male gay) language in literature and drama; and others. All in all, though, a remarkable (and practical) piece of research that constitutes a clear invitation to pursue similar (and more detailed) analyses.

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None Poor Average Good Excellent

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- 2) require minor revision
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