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The Abstract section is not structured properly. This is the synopsis of your thesis. It should state your hypothesis, your methods (how you went about testing the hypothesis), a brief summary of your findings, and a brief conclusion. This is the LAST thing that you write. Wait until everything else is written before attempting the abstract.

However, your abstract deviates from the main points and discuss only the background for the thesis.

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Sample edits

The thesis requires extensive edits. Here are some major problems in the thesis:

1. Long sentences
2. Redundant words and phrases. For example, “in order to” can be replaced with ‘To’
3. Ambiguous pronouns – There are many instances of “it” and “these” which are ambiguous. Your guide or reader may wonder what you are referring to. For example, “It states, that prior to assessing the effects.....”
4. Grammatical errors - ~~This works~~ ~~These works~~, thus also ~~tries-try~~ to accommodate IER scholars’ critical

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~~In order to~~ To study the various ~~associations of relationship between~~ national culture ~~to and~~ entrepreneurial activity, ~~present this~~ thesis ~~adopts and~~ applies an appropriate chain of reasoning.

Parallel to an overview of the specific research objectives of this work, the following descriptions aim to reflect the adopted rationale:-

Thereby, a fundamental logic should first be acknowledged.

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~~It~~ states, that prior to assessing the effects of national culture on entrepreneurial activity, a set of dependent variables will be determined, ~~that which~~ encompasses ~~its~~ socio-cultural antecedents.

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This differentiates the questions of how entrepreneurial activity is explained and measured (labelled as link 1) from how it is linked to national culture (labelled as link 2).

The next segment of this work (chapter 2 LINK) ~~therefore~~ addresses the first one of these two issues and elaborates on the inherent elements of the notion of entrepreneurial activity.

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Specifically, following the objectives to define entrepreneurial activity and to identify its socio-cultural antecedents, the resulting analysis is a “journey” across several academic disciplines.

~~This thesis, investigates~~ ~~By first considering~~ some important findings from sociology and economy, ~~subsequently from to~~ psychology and anthropology in an integrative style (Low & MacMillan 1988), ~~this paper~~ complies with one of the requirements that have been suggested by some international entrepreneurship research (IER) scholars (Davidson & Wiklund 2001, Zahra & George 2002; Coviello & Jones 2004; McDougall & Oviatt 2004).

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While some of the issues – that are being discussed along the way - are inclusive to respective domains, ~~it will be suggested that the~~ others are exclusive to that of entrepreneurship (Mitchell et al. 2004).

~~This works~~ ~~These works,~~ thus also tries to accommodate IER scholars’ critical acknowledgements that entrepreneurship research still has not developed as a sufficiently distinct research field (Aldrich & Baker 1997; Harrison & Leitch 1996, p.69).