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BookName:	MedicineandMedicalResearch:NewPerspectives
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Titleof theManuscript:	Referralprofileofchildguidanceclinicofa tertiarycare hospitalincentralMaharashtra: aretrospectiveobservationalstudy
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PART1: Review Comments

CompulsoryREVISIONcomments	Reviewer’scomment	Author’s Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that partinthemanuscript.Itismandatorythatauthorsshould writehis/herfeedback here)
Please write a few sentences regarding the importanceofthismanuscriptforthescientificcomm unity.Whydoyou like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4sentencesmayberequiredfor thispart.	This manuscript is significant for the scientific community as it addresses the urgent issue of developmentaldisabilities in children, which affects a substantial portion of the pediatric population, particularly in developingcountries. The findings provide valuable baseline data on the prevalence, risk factors, and demographics ofchildren referred to a Child Guidance Clinic, highlighting the need for improved early intervention services. Iappreciate the manuscript's focus on a largely under-researched area, which can inform future policies andprogramsaimedataddressingdevelopmentaldisabilities.However,Ibelievethatthestudycouldbenefit froma moredetaileddiscussionoftheimplicationsofitsfindingsandpotentialstrategies forinterventiontoenhanceitsimpactonthe field.	
Isthetitleofthearticlesuitable? (Ifnotpleasesuggestanalternativetitle)	The title of the article, "Referral Profile of Child Guidance Clinic of a Tertiary Care Hospital in CentralMaharashtra:ARetrospective Observational Study," isgenerallysuitableasitclearlyindicatethe focusoftheresearch and provides essential details such as the study's setting, population, and methodology. However, itcould be mademore concise andengaging. SuggestedAlternativeTitles: "ReferralPatternsandDemographicsofChildrenataTertiaryCareChildGuidanceClinic inCentralMaharashtra:ARetrospectiveStudy" "AnalyzingReferralTrendsinaChildGuidanceClinic:InsightsfromaTertiaryCareHospitalinCentralMaharashtra" "ProfileofChildReferralstoatertiaryCareGuidanceClinicinCentralMaharashtra:ARetrospective Analysis"Thesearnativesmaintainthe originalmeaning while enhancingclarityand engagement.	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do yousuggesttheadition(ordelation)ofsomepoints inthissection?Please writeyour suggestionshere.	Abstractofthisarticleshould clearlysummarizethebackground,methods,results,andconclusionsofthestudy.Overall, while the abstract provides a solid overview, enhancing the details in the background, methods, results,and conclusionswillmakeitmorecomprehensive and informative forreaders. SuggestionsforImprovement: Background: Enhance Context: Include a brief statement about the significance of understanding developmental disabilities inthecontextofpublichealthindevelopingcountries.Thiscouldemphasizetheurgencyofaddressingtheseissu es. Methods: Detail Sample Characteristics: Consider adding information about how the sample was selected (e.g., inclusioncriteria)andthespecificstatistical methodsusedfordataanalysis.Thiswouldprovide moreclarityregardingtherobustnessofthe study. Results: Key Findings: While the results are summarized, including the prevalence rates for each condition (e.g.,percentageofchildrenwithGlobalDevelopmentalDelayversusthose withAutism)couldenhancetheclarityandimpactofthe findings. StatisticalSignificance:Mentionifanyresultswerestatisticallysignificant, whichwould strengthentheconclusionsdrawn. Conclusions: ImplicationsforPolicy:Brieflystatetheimplicationsofthefindings forpolicyandpracticeinaddressingdevelopmentaldisabilitiesinchildren,particularlyindevelopingcountries. FutureResearch:Suggestareasforfutureresearchbasedonthefindingstoindicatethestudy'srelevanceandpot entialcontributionstothe field.	

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Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	Yes, the subsections and overall structure of the manuscript appear to be appropriate. The manuscript includes a clear organization with distinct sections—Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion—which facilitate the flow of information and allow readers to easily navigate through the study. If any improvements are needed, it could be beneficial to consider adding subheadings within the Discussion section to further clarify key themes or findings discussed.	
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Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The scientific correctness of this manuscript is underscored by its rigorous methodology and adherence to established diagnostic criteria. The use of a multidisciplinary approach, involving pediatricians, psychologists, and therapists, ensures a comprehensive evaluation of the children referred to the Child Guidance Clinic. Additionally, the statistical analysis conducted using SPSS software enhances the reliability of the findings. By addressing a significant public health issue with relevant data from a substantial sample size, this study contributes valuable insights to the understanding of developmental disabilities in a developing country context, thereby reinforcing its scientific robustness and technical soundness.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. -	Thereferences included in the manuscript provide a solid foundation for understanding the prevalence and impact of neurodevelopmental disorders. However, many of them date back several years, with only a few recent studies from the last five years. This may limit the manuscript's relevance to current research trends and emerging evidence in the field. To enhance the manuscript, I suggest adding the following types of references: - Recent Studies: Include recent population-based studies on neurodevelopmental disorders in children, particularly from India and other developing countries. This will provide updated prevalence data and insights into current trends. - Current Guidelines: Incorporate recent guidelines or recommendations from health organizations, such as the World Health Organization (WHO) or the American Academy of Pediatrics, regarding early intervention and management of developmental delays. - Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses: Add recent systematic reviews or meta-analyses that discuss the socio-economic factors affecting child development and mental health, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. - Local Studies: Include more local studies that reflect the socio-cultural context of Maharashtra or similar regions, which may provide valuable insights into the challenges faced by families and healthcare providers.	
Minor REVISION comments Is the language/English quality of the articles suitable for scholarly communications?	The language quality of the article is generally suitable for scholarly communication. The manuscript is clear and concise, effectively conveying the research objectives, methods, results, and conclusions.	
Optional/General comments	This manuscript addresses a significant and timely issue regarding the prevalence and profile of neurodevelopmental disorders in children referred to a child guidance clinic in Maharashtra, India. The study's findings contribute valuable insights into the demographic and clinical characteristics of these children, highlighting the need for improved awareness and early intervention services. The retrospective nature of the study and the comprehensive data collection methods strengthen its validity, though it would be beneficial to include a more extensive discussion on the limitations and potential biases inherent in retrospective studies. Additionally, considering the high rates of chronic malnutrition reported, the manuscript could benefit from a more in-depth exploration of the socio-economic factors impacting these children's health and development.	

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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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