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We have carefully reviewed and evaluated your manuscript. This report provides an assessment of its readiness for submission and provides guidance to improve your manuscript and increase its chances of journal acceptance. Please revise your manuscript based on the comments in this report to ensure that your manuscript is submission ready.

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Section 1. Readiness-to-Submit Score and Recommendations

Your manuscript's **READINESS TO SUBMIT** has been rated on a scale of 1 to 3, where 1 is the lowest score and denotes a manuscript that should not be submitted in its current form, and 3 is the highest score.

Your Readiness-to-Submit Score

1 - POOR: Manuscript is NOT READY TO SUBMIT in its current state

Recommendations

This service focuses on improving the submission readiness of your manuscript based on the checks typically carried out by a journal's editorial desk.

The major issues likely to be raised by the journal's editorial desk and lead to rejection include:

1. The Introduction should be revised to provide a clearer description of the study's rationale.
2. The methods should be completed with further details on the hospital where the study was held, ethical approval (or waiver) and anonymity of data, and approach to dealing with missing data.
3. The tables, figures and legends should be revised to ensure they are complete with significant digits and p-values reported correctly.
4. The Discussion should be more focused on interpreting and discussing the results of the current study, rather than just on reporting findings of previous studies. Highlighting the links and implications of the study is key to driving home the importance of the study.
5. Most cited references are over 10 years old and should be replaced, wherever possible, with recent ones as is typically preferred by journals.

Section 2. Manuscript Assessment

We have evaluated your manuscript and provided comments to explain the rationale behind the rating we have selected for each parameter and included suggestions for revisions. We hope you find this feedback useful!

2.1 Article Checks

PARAMETER	DESCRIPTION	RATING
1. Scope Match	Does the scope of the research presented in the manuscript match the scope of the target journal?	EXCELLENT
<i>Notes: Yes, the scope of research matches the scope and aims of the target journal. Based on the aims of the study, the manuscript would like appeal to the broad readership of the journal.</i>		
2. Article Type	Does the article type selected align with the structure presented in the manuscript?	EXCELLENT
<i>Notes: The manuscript's structure is fully adequate for the 'Original research' article type. Please refer to the main manuscript for formatting-related guidance.</i>		
3. Article Clarity and Readability	Does the article largely read well and clearly?	FAIR
<i>Notes: While there are no glaring grammatical errors, the introduction and discussion sections need to be revised to highlight the rationale and importance of the study.</i>		
4. Abbreviation Use and Consistency	Are all abbreviations and acronyms defined at first use and used consistently thereafter?	FAIR
<i>Notes: No the abstract has several undefined abbreviations</i>		
5. Data	Has data collection been described in the Methods section and presented appropriately via tables and figures in the Results section?	FAIR
<i>Notes: Data collection has been described but the figures and tables need to be revised for completeness and accurate representation of statistical values.</i>		
6. References	Is the cited literature relevant, selective, recent, and sufficient?	FAIR
<i>Notes: The cited literature is mostly old and should be updated</i>		

2.2 Integrity Checks

PARAMETER	DESCRIPTION	RATING
1. Plagiarism Check	Is the Similarity Index score within acceptable limits for standard journal requirements (<15%)?	EXCELLENT
<i>Notes: Yes</i>		
2. Ethical Compliance	Have all necessary consents and approvals have been obtained from authors to publish their work (including IRB approval and Informed Consent, as needed)?	POOR
<i>Notes: Necessary details are missing from the manuscript.</i>		
3. AI Use Policy Compliance	Has the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)–assisted technologies been disclosed per the target journal’s policy?	FAIR
<i>Notes: It is unclear if the AI has been used for writing/editing assistance. If used please ensure that this is included in the Acknowledgement sections. See manuscript for more details.</i>		
4. Data Availability Statement	Does the Data Availability Statement accurately describe the data and its presentation in the manuscript?	POOR
<i>Notes: Data availability statement is missing.</i>		
5. Funding Information	Has funding information been provided, when needed, or a statement been made about it not being needed?	POOR
<i>Notes: No statement on funding information is provided.</i>		

2.3 Submission Checks

	PARAMETER	GAPS ANALYSIS	EXAMPLE/ISSUE
1.	List of Contributing Authors	Absent	Please provide the full list of contributing authors in the title page as required by the target journal
2.	Author Contributions Statement	Absent	Please provide a list of authors' contributions at the end of the manuscript as required by the target journal.
3.	Corresponding Author Email	Absent	Please provide the corresponding author information in the title page
4.	Conflict of Interest Statement	Absent	Please provide a conflict of interest statement at the end of the manuscript.
5.	Figure and Table Citation	Present	The citation of figures and tables is adequate.
6.	List of Keywords	Absent	Please provide a list of 4-6 relevant keywords for indexing purposes. Guidance on how to create keywords for a research paper here
7.	Data Access Statement This describes where the data associated with the paper is available, and under what conditions the data can be accessed.	Absent	Please provide a data access statement at the end of the manuscript according to target journal's guidelines.
8.	Figure Legends	Included and appear consecutively	<i>Adequate</i> but requires revisions for completeness and accurate representation of statistical values.
9.	Table Legends	Included and appear consecutively	<i>Adequate</i> but requires revisions for completeness and accurate representation of statistical values.