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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Troubles anxieux chez les adolescents : manifestations somatiques et facteurs de risque dans une cohorte marocaine

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is
- ✓ **Accept after minor revision.....**
- Accept after major revision
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance		✓		

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strengths of the Study:

- The study addresses a highly relevant and under-researched area of adolescent mental health in the Moroccan context, contributing valuable data to the field.
- It provides a comprehensive clinical profile of adolescents with anxiety disorders, including detailed analysis of somatic symptoms.
- The methodology employs a retrospective and descriptive analysis of clinical records over a significant period (2021-2025), enhancing the robustness of data collection.
- The study captures a wide range of variables including sociodemographic data, clinical features, comorbidities, and treatment outcomes.
- The emphasis on physical manifestations and their correlation with anxiety offers important insights for clinicians.
- Clear presentation of data through tables and figures enhances the manuscript's readability.

Weaknesses of the Study:

- The manuscript does not explicitly mention ethical approval or informed consent procedures, which are essential for research involving minors.
- The sample size of 120 adolescents, while adequate for preliminary insights, might limit the generalizability of findings.
- The lack of detailed statistical analysis (e.g., confidence intervals, p-values) restricts the strength of the conclusions.
- The study is based on retrospective data which might be subject to documentation biases.
- The absence of a control group or comparison with non-anxious adolescents limits interpretability.
- Some sections, particularly the discussion, could benefit from deeper engagement with existing literature and theoretical frameworks.
- There are minor language issues and typographical errors throughout the manuscript that affect clarity.
- Reference formatting is inconsistent and could be improved for journal style adherence.

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Reviewer Comments:

- **Title and Abstract:** The title is clear and descriptive. The abstract succinctly summarizes key findings but could improve clarity by explicitly stating the study design and including specific statistical outcomes.
- **Introduction and Objectives:** The introduction provides context but would benefit from integrating more recent literature and emphasizing the study's novelty. The objectives are generally clear, focusing on clinical profiling and somatic manifestations.
- **Methodology:** The retrospective methodology is appropriate, but details regarding inclusion/exclusion criteria, ethical approval, and data collection procedures are lacking. Statistical approaches are not sufficiently described.
- **Results:** Results are well-organized with summarized percentages; however, they would be strengthened by including measures of variability and significance testing where applicable.
- **Discussion:** The discussion contextualizes findings but should engage more critically with the limitations of retrospective data, and potential biases. It could compare the results more thoroughly with international data.
- **Conclusion:** The conclusion appropriately emphasizes early detection and management, but should also acknowledge the study's limitations regarding generalizability.
- **Ethical Clearance:** No explicit information is provided about ethical approval, consent, or data confidentiality, which should be included.
- **Language and Formatting:** The manuscript contains minor grammatical errors, awkward phrasing, and inconsistent formatting. A thorough language editing is recommended.
- **Tables, Figures, References:** Tables are clear but could be improved for clarity. Ensure that all figures and references adhere to journal standards.