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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: "Assessing the Impact of Phantom Vibration Syndrome on Knowledge, Awareness, Mental Well-being, Prevalence, and Preventive Measures: A Scale-Based Comparative Study Across Demographics"

- 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		✓		

Reviewer Name: Dr S. K. Nath

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strengths of the Study:

- The study addresses a contemporary and relevant phenomenon related to smartphone addiction, specifically Phantom Vibration Syndrome (PVS), which has limited prior research.
- The use of multiple scales (PVS Symptom Questionnaire, WHO-5 Well-Being Index, Knowledge and Preventive Measures Scale) enables a comprehensive assessment of psychological impact, awareness, and preventive behaviors.
- Adequate sample size (n=300) with stratified analysis across age, occupation, and usage duration enhances the generalizability within the studied population.
- The cross-sectional comparative design offers valuable insights into demographic differences related to PVS prevalence and mental health.
- The study's findings contribute valuable data linking excessive smartphone use to psychological distress and well-being, with implications for clinical nursing and behavioral interventions.

Weaknesses of the Study:

- The sampling technique is convenience-based, which may introduce bias and limit broader generalizability.
- Reliance on self-reported data may be subject to recall bias and social desirability bias.
- No mention of prior validation of the scales used in this specific population, which could impact the validity of the findings.
- Cross-sectional design limits causal inferences between PVS and mental health outcomes.
- Ethical approval details, including approval number and process, are not explicitly mentioned.
- Some sections, especially data presentation, lack clarity due to formatting issues; the inclusion of more detailed statistical analyses and effect sizes could strengthen the results.
- Minor language inconsistencies and typographical errors reduce the manuscript's professionalism.

Reviewer Comments:

- **Title and Abstract:** The title accurately reflects the study but is somewhat lengthy. The abstract succinctly summarizes key points; however, clarity could improve by explicitly stating the primary and secondary outcomes and specifying the statistical significance of findings.

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- **Introduction and Objectives:** The introduction provides a good overview of PVS, but it could be strengthened by integrating more recent literature. Objectives are clear and relevant; the primary focus is on prevalence and impact, with secondary aims on awareness and demographics.
- **Methodology and Statistical Analysis:** The cross-sectional design and inclusion/exclusion criteria are well-described. Analytical methods (descriptive statistics, chi-square, ANOVA, Pearson correlation) are appropriate; however, reporting effect sizes and confidence intervals would enhance interpretability. The use of convenience sampling is a limitation that should be acknowledged more explicitly.
- **Results and Discussion:** Results are comprehensive, supported by figures and tables, but some data points lack clarity, especially regarding the stratification and significance levels. The discussion appropriately contextualizes findings but should discuss limitations more critically and explore possible causality.
- **Conclusion and Implications:** The conclusions are aligned with the results, emphasizing the high prevalence of PVS and its psychological associations. Recommendations for mindfulness, digital detox, and nurse-led interventions are pertinent.
- **Ethical Clearance:** Ethical considerations are briefly mentioned; however, details such as approval number and review body are missing and should be included for transparency.
- **Language and Formatting:** Overall, the language is understandable but contains grammatical errors and typographical issues, which should be corrected for clarity and professionalism.
- **Tables, Figures, and References:** Tables and figures are generally informative but should follow consistent formatting and labeling standards. References are relevant; however, citation details need verification, and some sources are Wikipedia pages, which are less scholarly.