

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-57916

Title: Menstrual Hygiene Awareness and Management Practices among Visually Impaired Girls: A Case Study of Bhabagrahi Model School for the Sightless in Khordha.

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		✓		

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The manuscript addresses an important and under-researched area of menstrual hygiene management among visually impaired adolescent girls. The study contributes to the growing literature on disability-inclusive reproductive health and highlights the specific challenges faced by visually impaired girls in accessing menstrual health information and maintaining menstrual hygiene. The topic is socially relevant and has significant implications for public health policy, inclusive education, and disability rights.

Strengths:

1. The study focuses on a neglected population group whose menstrual health needs are often overlooked in research and policy discussions.
2. The manuscript provides an extensive review of global, national, and Odisha-specific literature, establishing the relevance of the research problem.
3. The objectives and research questions are clearly stated and aligned with the study theme.
4. Ethical considerations and data collection procedures are adequately described.
5. The paper has practical implications for educators, health professionals, and policymakers working in disability-inclusive health promotion.

Areas Requiring Revision:

1. Methodological Clarity:
 - The study is described as qualitative and exploratory; however, several sections present quantitative tables and percentages. The authors should clearly explain whether the study follows a qualitative, quantitative, or mixed-method design.
 - The rationale for selecting only 15 respondents should be further justified.
2. Literature Review:
 - Several recent references are cited, but the reference list must be carefully checked for consistency and completeness.

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- Some cited studies require proper verification and standard citation formatting.
- 3. Language and Grammar:
 - The manuscript contains numerous grammatical errors, awkward sentence constructions, and repetitive statements.
 - Professional language editing is strongly recommended before publication.
- 4. Data Presentation:
 - Tables should follow a uniform format.
 - Percentages should be rounded consistently.
 - The interpretation of findings should be concise and avoid repetition.
- 5. Research Gap and Contribution:
 - Although the research gap is identified, the manuscript should more explicitly explain how the findings contribute new knowledge beyond existing studies conducted in Odisha and India.
- 6. Conclusion and Policy Implications:
 - The conclusion should provide stronger evidence-based recommendations and clearly link findings to policy and practice.
 - Suggestions for disability-inclusive menstrual health programs should be elaborated.

Overall Assessment:

The study addresses an important and relevant issue and demonstrates potential contribution to disability-inclusive menstrual health research. However, improvements in methodology presentation, language quality, analytical depth, and overall organization are required before publication. Therefore, I recommend acceptance after minor revision.