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REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-58104

Title: Clinical Spectrum of Pediatric Congenital Ocular Anomalies at a Tertiary Eye Care Center: A One-Year Retrospective Review .

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 ID: JP085

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

This retrospective observational study evaluated the clinical spectrum of pediatric congenital ocular anomalies presenting to a tertiary eye care center over one year. A total of 200 children were analyzed. The most common congenital ocular anomalies were congenital cataract (26%), congenital ptosis (19%), and coloboma (15.5%). The study highlights the importance of early diagnosis and timely intervention to prevent amblyopia and long-term visual impairment.

Strength:

1. Addresses an important cause of childhood visual impairment and blindness.
2. Adequate sample size (200 pediatric patients).
3. Clear study objective and methodology.
4. Provides useful epidemiological data on congenital ocular anomalies.
5. Results are presented in a simple and organized manner.
6. Clinical relevance for pediatric ophthalmologists and public health planners.
7. Emphasizes the need for early screening and intervention.

Weakness:

1. Retrospective design may introduce selection bias.
2. Single-center study limits generalizability.
3. No genetic evaluation or risk factor analysis performed.
4. Lack of long-term visual outcome assessment.
5. Limited statistical analysis beyond descriptive statistics.
6. Discussion section could be more comprehensive.
7. Minor language and formatting issues are present

Overall assessment:

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The manuscript provides valuable information regarding the pattern of congenital ocular anomalies in children attending a tertiary eye care center. The findings are clinically relevant and support the importance of early detection programs. However, the study is primarily descriptive and lacks advanced statistical analysis and long-term outcome data. Despite these limitations, the article contributes useful regional epidemiological information.

Recommendation: Manuscript accepted for publication after minor revision.