

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Knowledge, Attitude, and Practices Regarding Complementary Feeding Among Mothers of Children Aged 6-24 Months Attending a Tertiary Care Hospital in South Karnataka: A Hospital-Based Cross-Sectional Study

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

Strength of the study:

- The study addresses an important maternal and child nutrition issue
- Objectives, methodology, and inclusion criteria are clearly presented
- Standard WHO recommendations were used for assessment
- Ethical approval and informed consent were appropriately obtained
- The results are presented in a clear and organized manner
- Practical recommendations are relevant for healthcare providers
- The findings may help strengthen nutrition counselling programs

Weakness of the study:

- The hospital based design limits generalizability of the findings
- Sample size is relatively small for broader conclusions
- Consecutive sampling may introduce selection bias
- Advanced statistical analysis could be included to strengthen interpretation
- Some discussion points are repetitive and could be more concise
- A few language and grammatical errors require editing
- More comparison with recent regional studies would improve the discussion

Reviewers Comments:

This manuscript addresses an important public health topic by evaluating maternal knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding complementary feeding among young children. The study follows a clear cross-sectional design, and the methodology is easy to understand. Ethical clearance and written informed consent have been appropriately mentioned, reflecting good research practice. The results are presented in a logical sequence and are supported by relevant tables and figures. The discussion relates the findings to existing recommendations and highlights the need for improved nutrition education. However, the study is limited by its hospital-based setting, relatively small sample size, and non-random sampling, which reduce the generalizability of the findings. The manuscript would also benefit from minor grammatical corrections, reduction of repetitive statements, and a more focused discussion comparing the findings with recent regional literature. Overall, the study is relevant, well organized, and provides useful information that can support maternal and child health programs after minor revision.

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