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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Abnormal Vaginal Discharge: A Clinical, Menstrual and Behavioral Profile of Women Attending an Ayurvedic Gynaecology Department.

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:

- Addresses a common gynaecological complaint and its wider impact on women's lives.
- Examines clinical symptoms, menstrual history and obstetric characteristics.
- Includes information on hygiene practices and healthcare seeking behaviour.
- Considers the effects on daily activities, sexual relationships and psychological well-being.
- Presents findings in tables and graphs for easy understanding.
- Highlights the importance of patient education and appropriate hygiene counselling.
- Identifies limitations and recommends further analytical research.

Weakness of the study:

- The results are explicitly described as illustrative or extrapolated rather than verified patient data.
- The sampling method and study period are not reported.
- Ethical approval and informed consent are not documented.
- No microbiological or laboratory investigations confirm the causes of discharge.
- The questionnaire's validity and reliability are not described.
- Some findings and percentages require consistency checks.
- The discussion lacks comparison with relevant studies.
- Grammar, spacing and references need substantial improvement.

Reviewers Comments:

The manuscript addresses an important gynaecological concern and considers clinical symptoms alongside menstrual history, hygiene practices, healthcare seeking behaviour and psychological effects. The tables provide a broad overview of the variables considered. However, the main concern is that the results section explicitly identifies the N=100 dataset as illustrative or extrapolated, rather than verified case-wise data. These figures cannot be presented as actual research findings. The authors must replace them with results derived from genuine participant records before the manuscript can be considered for publication. The study period, sampling method, questionnaire validation, ethical approval and informed consent procedures should also be clearly reported. The absence of microbiological investigations limits conclusions about the causes of abnormal discharge, which should remain symptom-based. The discussion needs stronger engagement with existing research. Grammar, spacing, terminology and reference formatting require careful correction. Overall, the topic is relevant, but the use of unverified results is a fundamental concern requiring major revision.

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A web search identified several related studies on abnormal vaginal discharge, hygiene practices and healthcare seeking behaviour, including recent Indian studies. These publications address overlapping themes but do not establish plagiarism. The manuscript's originality cannot be confirmed from a web search alone. The authors should verify all references, clarify the study's unique contribution and complete a formal similarity check.