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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Dental Management of Children with Intellectual Disabilities: A Literature 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 Name: Dr S. K. Nath

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strength of the study:

• Addresses an important and relevant topic in paediatric dentistry.
• Covers oral health problems and barriers to dental care.
• Discusses behavioural and pharmacological management approaches.
• Explains the role of caregivers in preventive oral hygiene.
• Includes practical guidance on sedation and general anaesthesia.
• Discusses informed consent and supported decision-making.
• Identifies research gaps and future directions.
• Uses recent literature and professional guidelines.

Weakness of the study:

• The narrative review does not provide a reproducible search period or complete search strategy.
• No formal quality assessment of included studies was performed.
• Evidence from autism and broader disability groups is sometimes used to support recommendations for intellectual disability.
• Several in-text citation numbers appear incorrect.
• Some references and tables require careful verification.
• Grammar, citation style and formatting need improvement.

Reviewers Comments:

The manuscript provides a comprehensive overview of dental management in children with intellectual disabilities. It covers oral health conditions, access barriers, behaviour guidance, sedation, general anaesthesia and preventive care. The discussion of caregiver involvement and informed consent is particularly useful. The narrative review methodology is described, including the databases and search terms, but the search period and study selection process need further clarification. The authors should also distinguish more consistently between evidence specific to intellectual disability and findings from autism or broader developmental disability populations. Several in-text citations appear incorrectly numbered, and these should be checked against the reference list. The tables and supporting references also require verification. Ethical clearance is generally not required for a literature review, but an appropriate declaration should be included. The writing is generally understandable, although sentence construction, punctuation, spacing and reference formatting need editing. Overall, this is a relevant and informative review with useful clinical content, but it requires revision before publication.

Previously Published anywhere/Plagiarism check:

A web search did not identify an exact match for the submitted title. However, closely related reviews were published in 2022 and 2024, and recent Indian reviews have also examined oral health and dental care among children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This overlap does not establish plagiarism. The authors should clarify the specific contribution of this review and complete a formal similarity check.