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Title of the Manuscript:	CHALLENGES OF KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS IN THE NEW NORMAL: A PHENOMENOLOGICAL STUDY
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PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript provides valuable insights into the experiences of kindergarten teachers during the COVID-19 pandemic, an underexplored topic in early childhood education. It addresses the unique challenges faced by educators in adapting to the "new normal," including resource limitations, virtual classroom management, and the shift to modular learning. The findings contribute significantly to understanding the resilience and adaptability of teachers, offering implications for policy and future educational strategies.	We changed and improved the abstract
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title is suitable and reflects the core content of the manuscript. However, for enhanced clarity and alignment with global contexts, consider revising it to: "Challenges and Adaptations of Kindergarten Teachers in the New Normal: A Phenomenological Perspective."	Done
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract is comprehensive but could benefit from minor revisions for conciseness and clarity. Consider rephrasing the discussion on the methodology to focus on the significance of the findings. Additionally, the phrase "the data implicates" can be reworded to "the data suggests." Highlighting the broader implications for stakeholders (teachers, administrators, and policymakers) will strengthen the abstract.	We revised the abstract
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	The manuscript is scientifically accurate and methodologically sound. The use of Colaizzi's seven-phase approach for data analysis is appropriate for phenomenological research. However, some sections discussing the coping mechanisms and effects of the challenges could benefit from additional theoretical grounding or comparative analysis with existing literature.	We added the theoretical grounding support before Table 2 and 3 in our RD
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are sufficient and include recent sources relevant to the study. However, integrating more international perspectives on the pandemic's impact on early childhood education could enhance the global relevance of the study. For example, studies from UNESCO or OECD reports on education during the pandemic may add depth. Writing bibliography is still messy. It is recommended that the author use Reference Management Tools such as Mendeley, Zotero, or End Note.	We added some inputs in our introduction

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Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The references are sufficient and include recent sources relevant to the study. However, integrating more international perspectives on the pandemic's impact on early childhood education could enhance the global relevance of the study. For example, studies from UNESCO or OECD reports on education during the pandemic may add depth.	Done
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The manuscript is well-structured and clearly organized, making it accessible to readers.• Consider expanding the implications section to provide actionable recommendations for policymakers and school administrators.• The inclusion of direct quotes from participants enriches the narrative but could be reduced for conciseness in certain sections.• Adding a discussion on the limitations of the study would enhance its rigor and provide guidance for future research.• The writing of the bibliography needs to be improved <p>The manuscript adheres to ethical standards, as outlined in the "Ethical Consideration" section. It demonstrates that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voluntary Participation: All participants voluntarily consented to participate in the study.• Privacy and Confidentiality: Measures were taken to protect participant anonymity by using pseudonyms and ensuring data security.• Informed Consent: Participants were adequately informed about the study's objectives, procedures, and potential risks before giving their consent.• Risks and Benefits: The researchers addressed potential risks, including observing COVID-19 safety protocols during face-to-face interviews, and highlighted benefits to teachers, students, and administrators. <p>There are no evident ethical violations in the manuscript.</p>	Implications - done Improve the bibliography - done

PART 2:

	<u>Reviewer's comment</u>	<u>Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</u>
<u>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</u>	<u>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</u>	