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| Journal Name: | [**Asian Journal of Pediatric Research**](https://journalajpr.com/index.php/AJPR) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_AJPR\_132272** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Barriers to mother's own milk feeding for preterm newborns experience from a tertiary neonatal intensive care unit** |
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| PART 1: Comments | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | 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 addresses a critical issue in neonatal care by highlighting the barriers to breastfeeding for preterm newborns in a tertiary neonatal intensive care unit. Understanding these challenges is essential for developing targeted interventions that can enhance breastfeeding rates, which are vital for the health and development of vulnerable infants. Ultimately, improving access to maternal milk feeding can lead to better health outcomes for preterm infants, making this study an important resource for clinicians, researchers, and policymakers alike.** | Breast milk of mothers who delivered prematurely is different from that of term milk.Due to immaturity, they need gavage feeding during the first few days to a few weeks.Despite numerous benefits, there are still some barriers to mother’s own milk feeding for preterm babies.This ultimately leads to dependency on formula milk and shared breast milk, which has deleterious effects on preterm newborns.Interventions like quality improvement study is time demanding approach to mitigate the challenges and improving mother’s own milk feeding for preterm babies |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | **No**  **Exploring Barriers to Breastfeeding in Preterm Newborns within a NICU** | Title is changed to Barriers to Mother’s Own Milk Feeding for Preterm Newborns:Experience from a Tertiary Neonatal Intensive Care Unit |
| 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. | **Yes** | Yes |
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| Optional/General comments | **This article provides valuable insights into the challenges faced by mothers and their preterm newborns regarding breastfeeding in a neonatal intensive care setting.**  **Please write the abbreviation of necrotizing enterocolitis beside it when you first mentioned it as late onset neonatal sepsis.**  **Also, capitalize the first letter of each abbreviated word.**  **Include sample type, size, and equation.**  **Mention the number and name of data collection tools.**  **Also, explain if the tools were developed or adopted.**  **The sample size (50) is very small, you should take a bigger sample from multidisciplinary centers to be able to generalize data.**  **Omit subject pronouns in scientific writing.** | Abbreviation of necrotizing enterocolitis is written  Capitalization of first letter of abbreviated words were done  Purposive sampling was done ,Sample size was 50  It was a cross sectional observational study done on small sample sizes to identify factors responsible for less mother’s own milk feeding, prior to a quality improvement initiative to increase mother’s own milk feeding for preterm babies.  Data were collected by researchers through questionnaires and recorded in a data collection form. |

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| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* | No |