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| Journal Name: | [**Asian Journal of Advanced Research and Reports**](https://journalajarr.com/index.php/AJARR) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_AJARR\_133560** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Evaluation of mental health challenges and coping mechanisms among mortuary workers in Murang’a county, Kenya** |
| Type of the Article | **Empirical** |

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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 is essential for the scientific community since it adds to knowledge and disseminates findings on an important area of mortuary workers’ mental health challenges and fills a research gap. This is because most studies in Kenya focus on the medical and occupational hazards of mortuary work, with limited attention given to workers’ mental health challenges. The study addresses a critical gap in understanding mortuary workers' mental health challenges and informs the development of interventions to support their mental health and wellbeing. |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The title can be improved a bit by dropping the word “Evaluation” at the beginning since, as demonstrated by the research design, this is not an evaluation study. | This has been revised based on this comment. Many thanks reviewer |
| 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, capturing the necessary components for a structured abstract. However, there is a need for consistency. The wording in the title is slightly different from the wording in the aim of the study, “aims to characterize the mental health challenges among morticians.” Are morticians mortuary workers? Better to use terminologies consistently. Is evaluation the same as characterising? |  |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | The manuscript is scientifically correct since the objective is clear, the methodology clear, and findings presented are aligned to the study objective. |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | References are sufficient and current. However, the document can be improved by adding more like:  Wandati, A. N., & Githae, E. N. (2025). The stigma of handling dead bodies and the psychological well-being of mortuary workers. *Eastern African Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, *4*(1), 39-48.  Nakakuwa, F. N., Kabuku, T., & Mukerenge, N. F. (2024). Mortuary attendants’ experiences of dealing with human dead bodies in Kavango and Zambezi regions: A qualitative study. *Death Studies*, 1-7. | These are already included. It appears the same author published same article in more than one jouornal |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | The quality of language is suitable just some proofreading need. |  |
| Optional/General comments | The manuscript is scientifically correct because the study's aim is clear, the methodology is clear, and the findings presented are aligned with the study objective. |  |

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| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* |  |