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| Title of the Manuscript: | **Navigating the Emotional Labyrinth: Parental Challenges in Raising Children with Disabilities in Tamale Metropolis, Ghana.** |
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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** (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 critically important yet underexplored area within the domain of disability studies and parental mental health, particularly in the sub-Saharan African context. By focusing on the emotional challenges faced by parents of children with disabilities in Tamale Metropolis, Ghana, the study offers valuable insights into culturally specific social support systems and coping mechanisms that influence parental well-being. It contributes to a broader understanding of how socio-cultural norms shape caregiving experiences and highlights the pressing need for tailored interventions to improve mental health outcomes. The findings provide evidence to inform policy-making, social services, and inclusive educational practices, thereby offering substantial practical implications for governments, NGOs, and healthcare providers. Additionally, the qualitative approach enriches the literature with nuanced, lived experiences that quantitative studies may overlook, fostering a more empathetic and context-sensitive discourse on**  **disability and family resilience.** |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | **The current title, *"Navigating the Emotional Labyrinth: Parental Challenges in Raising Children with Disabilities in Tamale Metropolis, Ghana,"* effectively captures the essence and scope of the study by emphasizing the complex emotional journey of these parents. It is suitably evocative and precise, signaling both the psychological focus and the specific geographical context.** |  |
| **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 and well-structured, clearly outlining the background, methodology, key findings, and implications of the study. It succinctly presents the emotional struggles of parents, the influence of cultural and societal attitudes, and the importance of social networks in coping and resilience. The inclusion of specific disorders and contextual details adds depth. However, to enhance clarity and impact, the abstract might briefly mention the qualitative case study design and sample size, as well as explicitly state the study’s recommendations for interventions. This addition would give readers a more**  **complete snapshot of the study's methodological rigor and practical contributions.** |  |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | The manuscript is scientifically sound, with a clear research problem, well-defined objectives, and appropriate qualitative methodology. The thematic analysis is rigorous and appropriately applied to the collected interview data, producing coherent and meaningful findings that align with existing literature. The discussion effectively contextualizes the results within broader theoretical frameworks, such as the social model of disability and social support theory. The conclusions and recommendations are logically derived from the data and contribute  meaningfully to policy and practice. |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | The manuscript cites a robust range of references spanning foundational works and recent studies up to 2025, demonstrating engagement with contemporary discourse in disability, caregiving, and social support. The references encompass both regional studies in Ghana and broader international literature, which strengthens the study’s relevance and academic rigor. Nonetheless, some additional citations related to recent interventions in psychological support and inclusive education from sub-Saharan African contexts or comparable low- and middle-income countries could further enhance the manuscript’s foundation. For instance, incorporating more  literature on community-based rehabilitation programs or digital support interventions could broaden the scope. |  |

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| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | The language throughout the manuscript is generally clear, formal, and appropriate for scholarly communication. The writing style balances academic rigor with accessibility, making complex concepts understandable without oversimplification. Minor grammatical and stylistic improvements could be made to enhance flow and readability, but these do not detract significantly from comprehension. Overall, the manuscript’s English quality  is suitable for publication in an international journal after minor copy-editing |  |
| **Optional/General** comments | * The manuscript addresses an important and underexplored topic, providing valuable insights into the emotional challenges of parents raising children with disabilities in a specific cultural context. * The qualitative case study approach effectively captures rich, detailed experiences, contributing to a deeper understanding of caregiving dynamics in Tamale Metropolis. * Integration of relevant theories such as the social model of disability and social support theory strengthens the analysis and interpretation of findings. * Use of direct participant quotes adds authenticity and emotional depth, making the findings more compelling. * The predominance of female respondents raises an opportunity to further explore gender roles and their impact on caregiving and emotional adjustment. * The manuscript would benefit from a more explicit discussion of study limitations, including sampling methods and potential biases. * Recommendations could be expanded with more concrete strategies for implementing psychological, financial, and social support interventions. * Overall, the manuscript is a valuable contribution with strong potential for publication after minor revisions and language polishing.   The manuscript is well-structured, scientifically sound, and makes a meaningful contribution to the field with relevant and recent references. The qualitative methodology is appropriate, and the findings provide valuable insights into parental emotional challenges in a specific cultural context. However, minor revisions related to clearer articulation of limitations, slight enhancements in recommendations, and some language polishing are needed before publication. |  |

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| **PART 2:** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment** | **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)* |
| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* |  |

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