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| Journal Name: | [**International Neuropsychiatric Disease Journal**](https://journalindj.com/index.php/INDJ) |
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| Title of the Manuscript: | **Effects of Psycho-Education on Substance Abuse-Literacy among Secondary School Students in Nigeria** |
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PART 1: Comments

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|  | **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.** | Empirical evidence is somehow provided on psychoeducation’s effectiveness instrumental in improving substance abuse literacy among Nigerian adolescents and more specifically in school setting. |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?****(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The title looks good though I suggest: Psychoeducation as an Intervention for Substance Abuse Literacy: A Quasi-Experimental Study in Nigerian Secondary Schools Setting. The latter keeps focus on the design and puts more emphasis on the variables under consideration  |  |
| **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 well-structured under the different sub-headings and covers the requited information however, it needs to be refined clarity. For example, under the methods, the statement “Four hundred (400) questionnaires for pre-test and post-test assessments of substance abuse literacy after psychoeducation program” lacks clarity. |  |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | It is generally scientifically sound in-terms of study design, ethical considerations and choice of statistical tests seems to be in line with the study objectives however, there is need to provide the rationale for convenience sampling.*"Convenience sampling was pragmatically chosen due to school restrictions, though this may limit generalizability."*Aspects of reporting overlaps between groups quite predominant for example *“38.5% alcohol use, 46.8% other substances”.*The author should be careful and resist the temptations to over generalize the findings to draw conclusions |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have****suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | Quite relevant and most recent references however, we expect to see more references and readings on quasi-experimental best practices and more specifically in school settings if available |  |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | Generally well-written Manuscript for scholarly communication, except a few instances of where language precision, conciseness, redundancy and academic language tone is lacking. Too much of plain English is evident not to mention some grammatical errors. For Example: 1. “This study was aimed to assess” instead of “This study aimed to assessed."
2. "The results showed that the prevalence of alcohol use was 38.5%, and 46.8% for other types of substances with tramadol being most abused." Instead of “Alcohol use prevalence was 38.5%, while 46.8% reported other substance use "
3. etc
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| **Optional/General** comments |  Generally a well written manuscript. |  |

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| **PART 2:**  |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment** | **Author’s Feedback** (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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