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<b>Manuscript Item</b>	<b>Reviewer's Evaluation (Yes/No)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>Title</b> When evaluating the title of a manuscript, reviewers should consider the following guidelines: 1) keep the title concise, 2) ensure the title is clear, 3) make sure the title is relevant to the manuscript's content, 4) strive for originality, 5) ensure the title accurately reflects the research question, and 6) make sure the title is appropriate for the target audience and the scope of the journal.	Yes	The title is well captured, however the use of settings can be revised to setting since only KNH has been researched on.

<p><b>Abstract</b> The abstract of a manuscript should be a brief summary that captures the essence of the study. It should include a statement on the gap or study context, the main objective of the study, key elements of the methodology, important results, conclusions, and recommendations. The abstract should be logically written, concise, and clear, and should not exceed 300 words.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Confirm journal guidelines/sample for abstracts format. The statements need to be revised to flow for the reader too many short-disconnected sentences. Consider use of past tense ‘was’ between the sentences.</p>
<p><b>Main Body of the Manuscript</b> The main body of a manuscript should be logically organized and clearly written. It should start with a concise and informative introduction that provides background information on the study context, including the problem being addressed and the objectives of the study. The methods used in the study should be described in detail, including the research design, data collection methods, statistical analysis, and ethical considerations. Results should be presented clearly and concisely, with relevant data presented in tables or figures where appropriate. The discussion should interpret the results and relate them to the objectives of the study, highlighting any important findings or limitations. Conclusions should be drawn based on the results and the study objectives, and recommendations should be provided where relevant.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Generally it is well done. Consider writing more about Kenya on the feeding disorder among pediatrics.</p> <p>“There is limited evidence on the mealtime behavior, nutrition status and GI symptoms of CAWND in clinical care settings.”: This sentence is hanging. Link it to a paragraph to ensure flow of information Study setting; three outpatient clinics per week. KNH is located in Upper Hill Community area which is about 5km from the Central Business District in Nairobi, Kenya. KNH lies on Latitude -1.2993 and longitude 36.809.</p> <p>Study design, subjects and sampling plan The study used the cross-sectional design. The study population consisted of children and adolescents from four (4) main ND groups such as autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and trauma cases. These children were drawn from pediatric outpatient</p>

		<p>clinics, mental health department, occupational therapy, and all pediatric in-patient wards as shown in</p> <p>Results and discussion sections are well done with good comparison to literature</p> <p>Citations style is mixed up – check journal guidelines</p> <p>Methods- Confirm appropriate ness of the headings vs the provided author guidelines.</p> <p>Study settings; Rephrase this section, what about KNH? How is it related to the study? Only provide relevant info about KNH in view of your study.</p> <p>Inclusion and exclusion criteria: This should be part of sampling plan in the next section</p> <p>Study design, subjects and sampling plan: Provide both formulae here</p> <p>Data Collection / Questionnaires: Recheck heading of this section</p>
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<p><b>Writing and Formatting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the manuscript well-written and easy to understand? (Yes/No)</li> <li>• Are the language, grammar, and punctuation appropriate, and correct? (Yes/No)</li> <li>• Is the manuscript properly formatted according to the journal's guidelines? (Yes/No)</li> <li>• The journal strictly uses APA 7<sup>th</sup> edition style.</li> </ul>	No	<p>Revise formatting as per the journal guidelines.</p> <p>Author needs to get samples of past papers and align the format. Most sections fairly difficult to understand the sentences so English proof reading necessary  Table 1: stay within one decimal point  Fig 2- what does 'other' represent, we had 4 categories in preliminary sub-sections</p>
<p><b>Ethical Considerations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are ethical considerations addressed appropriately (e.g., human subjects, animal welfare)? (Yes/No)</li> <li>• Are conflicts of interest disclosed? (Yes/No)</li> <li>• Is the authorship appropriate and accurately reported? (Yes/No)</li> </ul>	Yes	Provided
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proper nouns capitalized. Finally, ensure the references use proper punctuation, including italics for book and journal titles, and a period after each element in a reference.		
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