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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Monitoring and Evaluation System and health service delivery in public health institutions in Juba, South Sudan

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is.....**YES**.....
- Accept after minor revision.....
- Accept after major revision
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	√			
Techn. Quality		√		
Clarity		√		
Significance			√	

Reviewer's Name: Dr Aamina

Reviewer's Decision about Paper: **Recommended for Publication.**

Comments (*Use additional pages, if required*)

Reviewer's Comment / Report

Abstract Review:

The abstract presents a clear and concise summary of the study, outlining the context, objectives, methods, key findings, and conclusions. It successfully captures the essential elements of the research and reflects the study's intent to explore the effect of the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system on health service delivery within the public health institutions of Juba, South Sudan.

Introduction:

The introduction establishes the relevance of the study by linking global policy changes to the importance of strengthening health systems through M&E. It contextualizes the limited attention given to M&E in developing countries and frames a strong rationale for the study. The objectives are explicitly stated and align well with the overall aim of the research.

Methodology:

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The study uses a descriptive cross-sectional design incorporating both qualitative and quantitative methods, which provides a comprehensive view of the research problem. The sampling techniques used for both patients and healthcare workers are appropriately stated, and the sample size is adequate. Data analysis through descriptive statistics, Spearman correlation, and multinomial logistic regression is suitable for the nature of the data collected.

Results:

The findings are clearly presented with attention to availability and quality of health services. There is a balanced discussion of the availability of emergency services and the challenges related to human resources, equipment, and supplies. The statistical outcomes are reported accurately with reference to odds ratios, correlation coefficients, and p-values. Relationships between organizational structure, M&E human capacity, and data use with health service delivery are logically explained and supported by data.

Conclusions:

The conclusions drawn are consistent with the findings. The relationship between the variables is well-articulated, with a clear distinction between weak and strong associations. The explanation of how M&E human capacity and data use relate to health service delivery is particularly strong.

Recommendations:

The recommendations are directly linked to the findings and conclusions. They emphasize structural and resource support for M&E, the integration of M&E into the broader health system, and the importance of fostering a culture of data use for accountability and decision-making.

Key Words:

The keywords provided are appropriate and effectively reflect the core themes of the study.

Overall Assessment:

The abstract and associated sections provide a coherent and informative overview of the research. The study addresses a significant gap in the understanding of how M&E systems influence health service delivery in low-resource settings. The structure, analytical approach, and logical flow of the document contribute to its clarity and relevance in the public health context.