

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title:

Recommendation:

Accept as it is
 Accept after minor revision as the manuscript provides a critical examination of India's legal framework for safeguarding the rights of individuals with mental illness during institutional admission, emphasizing cultural and systemic challenges. Its integration of historical context, case laws, and actionable recommendations offers valuable insights for policymakers and practitioners. While methodological transparency could be enhanced, the paper's focus on human rights in a non-Western context fills a significant gap in the literature.

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

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

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

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..Originality

Strengths: Focuses on India's unique legal and cultural landscape, offering fresh perspectives on mental health rights. Case studies of legal misuse add originality.

Weaknesses: Historical legal overviews and some theoretical discussions mirror existing literature, reducing novelty.

Technical Quality

Strengths: Comprehensive use of legal references, statutes, and case laws demonstrates rigorous research. Clear alignment with international human rights frameworks (e.g., UNCPRD).

Weaknesses: No explicit methodology for case study selection or analysis. Cross-sectional design limits causal conclusions. Absence of empirical data or stakeholder perspectives.

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Clarity

Strengths: Well-organized sections with logical progression from laws to case studies. Detailed appendices and footnotes enhance transparency.

Weaknesses: Overuse of legal jargon may hinder accessibility for non-specialists. Some sections (e.g., cultural explanations for systemic issues) lack depth.

Significance

Strengths: Highlights systemic human rights violations and proposes actionable reforms (e.g., monitoring by human rights commissions). Aligns with global mental health advocacy efforts.

Weaknesses: Limited generalizability due to focus on legal texts over lived experiences. Lack of recent case law updates (post-2019) weakens timeliness.

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Clarify methodology for case study selection and analysis.

Simplify legal terminology or provide a glossary for broader readability.

Incorporate recent case laws (e.g., post-2019) to ensure relevance.

Suggest future research directions, such as qualitative studies with patients or caregivers.

Decision: Accept after minor revisions. The manuscript's strengths in legal analysis and policy recommendations outweigh its limitations, making it a pertinent contribution to mental health and human rights scholarship.