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Title: Aromatherapy as a Non-Pharmacological Intervention to Improve Sleep Patterns Among Children After Abdominal Surgeries

Recommendation:	Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Accept as it is	Originality		✓		
	Techn. Quality		✓		
	Clarity		>		
	Significance	√			

Reviewer Name: Dr S. K. Nath

Date: 19.11.25

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strengths:

- Relevant and Timely Topic: The study addresses an important issue improving pediatric postoperative sleep quality through non-pharmacological methods, aligning with current trends in holistic and safe care.
- Clear Objectives and Hypotheses: The research question and hypotheses are well-defined, guiding the study structure.
- **Appropriate Methodology:** Use of a quasi-experimental pretest-posttest design and relevant statistical analyses demonstrate methodological soundness.
- **Positive Findings:** The results indicating significant improvements post-intervention support the study's aims.
- Ethical Approval Mentioned: Ethical clearance was obtained, demonstrating adherence to research ethics.

Weaknesses and Areas for Improvement:

- 1. **Incomplete and Unclear Ethical Details:** The manuscript mentions ethical approval but lacks details such as the ethical approval number, date, and adherence to specific ethical guidelines (e.g., Declaration of Helsinki). Clarify these aspects for transparency.
- 2. **Language and Grammar Issues:** There are multiple grammatical errors, typographical mistakes, and awkward sentences throughout the text. For example, inconsistent tense usage and sentence structuring should be improved for clarity.
- 3. **Methodological Clarity:** The description of the aromatherapy protocol (e.g., dosage, duration, frequency, method of application) needs to be more detailed to allow replication.
- 4. **Sample Size and Generalizability:** The study's small sample size from a single hospital limits the broader applicability of findings. Address this limitation explicitly and suggest cautious interpretation.
- 5. **Reference and Citation Formatting:** Several references are incomplete or improperly formatted. Ensure consistency with the target journal's referencing style.
- 6. **Missing Data Presentation:** Data tables, figures, or supplementary materials are not fully visible; ensure these are clear, correctly labeled, and referenced in the manuscript.
- 7. **Discussion Section:** Expand the discussion to compare findings with existing literature, explore potential physiological mechanisms, and suggest practical implications.

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8. **Concluding Remarks:** The conclusion should emphasize the clinical relevance, limitations, and future research directions.

Specific Instructions to the Authors:

- Provide detailed ethical approval information, including approval number, date, and compliance statements.
- Carefully proofread the manuscript to correct grammatical errors and improve overall language quality.
- Elaborate on the aromatherapy intervention details application duration, frequency, method, and type of lavender oil used.
- Ensure all references are complete and formatted consistently.
- Enhance the discussion section with a broader literature review and discussion of mechanisms.
- Include all data tables and figures with clear labels and references.
- Consider discussing the study's limitations more explicitly and suggest avenues for future research.