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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Catatonia: From Diagnosis to Management

Recommendation:

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

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

Reviewer Name: Dr S. K. Nath

Date: 31.01.26

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strengths of the Study

- Provides a comprehensive overview of catatonia, covering clinical features, differential diagnosis, etiology, assessment, and management, which is valuable for clinicians.
- The paper incorporates current diagnostic criteria (DSM-5-TR) and discusses both psychiatric and organic causes, emphasizing the importance of a multidisciplinary approach.
- Highlights recent therapeutic advances such as neurostimulation techniques including electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) and repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS).
- Offers practical guidance tailored to the Moroccan context, including available pharmacological agents and investigative modalities.
- The review is well-structured and systematically covers the essential aspects of diagnosis and treatment.

Weaknesses of the Study

- No explicit statement or evidence indicates that this work presents novel research data; it appears to be a narrative review or overview.
- The literature review lacks detailed discussion on recent advances or controversy areas, limiting depth in certain sections.
- The absence of specific case examples, statistical analysis, or data synthesis reduces the manuscript's contribution as an empirical study.
- The review does not specify the methodology used for literature selection, search strategies, or inclusion/exclusion criteria.
- Ethical considerations such as approval from an institutional review board or informed consent procedures are not addressed, despite covering clinical assessment.
- Minor language issues and typographical errors are present, impacting readability.
- The referencing style is inconsistent and occasionally incomplete, especially for recent studies.

Reviewer Comments

- **Title and Abstract:** The title accurately reflects the scope. The abstract is concise but could benefit from clearer articulation of the study's aims specify whether it is a review or original research and include explicit objectives and main conclusions for clarity.
- **Introduction and Objectives:** The introduction underscores the clinical importance of early diagnosis but lacks explicit objectives or hypotheses. Clarify whether the goal is to update clinicians on diagnostic criteria, management, or both.

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- **Methodology and Analysis:** As a review, the manuscript should specify the approach for literature retrieval databases searched, keywords, selection criteria to establish transparency and reproducibility. No formal analysis or data synthesis is present, which limits scientific rigor.
- **Results and Discussion:** The content largely summarizes existing knowledge without critical appraisal or discussion of recent debates. Incorporate a comparison of different management modalities, their efficacy, and limitations based on recent evidence.
- **Conclusion and Implications:** The conclusion emphasizes progress in management but would be stronger if it outlined future directions, potential research gaps, or the need for standardized protocols.
- **Ethical Clearance:** The article appears to be a narrative review; therefore, ethical approval for publication may not be required. However, if any original data or patient images are used, ethical approval and informed consent should be explicitly stated.
- **Language and Presentation:** The manuscript requires editing for grammar, clarity, and typographical errors. Consistency in terminology and improved sentence structure are recommended.
- **Tables, Figures, References:** The manuscript contains no tables or figures, which could enhance understanding. Reference list formatting needs standardization and inclusion of recent literature to reflect the latest developments.

Additional Note: Based on the review of the content provided and standard practices for scholarly publications, there are no indications or evidence within the text suggesting that this particular study has been previously published on the internet or elsewhere. To conclusively verify whether this work has been previously published, a dedicated plagiarism check or database search (e.g., PubMed, Google Scholar, or institutional repositories) would be necessary.