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REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-56171

Title: IMPORTANCE OF SOFT TISSUE AND HARD TISSUE LANDMARKS IN PROSTHODONTICS

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revisionYES.....

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

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

Reviewer Name: Prof. Dr Dillip Kumar Mohapatra

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Overall Evaluation

This manuscript presents a narrative review discussing the clinical importance of soft and hard tissue landmarks in prosthodontic diagnosis and rehabilitation, particularly in denture fabrication and occlusal plane orientation. The topic is clinically relevant and important in complete denture and full-mouth rehabilitation practice.

However, the manuscript in its current form requires **major revision** before it can be considered for publication.

Strengths of the Manuscript

1. Clinically Relevant Topic

The importance of soft and hard tissue landmarks in prosthodontics is fundamental to successful treatment planning and denture fabrication.

The manuscript appropriately references literature from established journals such as:

Journal of Prosthodontics

International Journal of Prosthodontics

Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry

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Journal of Oral Rehabilitation

Journal of Indian Prosthodontic Society

This shows the authors attempted to base the review on recognized prosthodontic literature.

2. Comprehensive Coverage

The manuscript includes:

Soft tissue landmarks

Hard tissue landmarks

Occlusal plane orientation

Intraoral and extraoral references

Supporting maxillary structures

Clinical implications

This gives the paper a broad theoretical scope.

3. Integration of Digital Concepts

The mention of:

CBCT

Stereophotogrammetry

Digital landmark plotting

shows an attempt to incorporate modern diagnostic approaches.

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Weaknesses of the Manuscript

1. Purely Descriptive Narrative

The manuscript is largely textbook-style and descriptive. There is:

No critical comparison between studies

No statistical synthesis

No tabulated summary of findings

No evaluation of evidence levels

No discussion of conflicting findings

It reads more like a postgraduate seminar note than a publishable scholarly review.

2. Lack of Methodology Section

Since this is presented as a review article, it must clearly state:

Search strategy

Databases used (PubMed, Scopus, etc.)

Inclusion/exclusion criteria

Time frame of literature search

PRISMA flow (if systematic)

Currently, no methodology is described.

3. Outdated References

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Many references are from:

1975

1980

1985

1995

Although classical references are acceptable, modern review articles must include updated literature (last 5–10 years).

4. Formatting and Technical Errors

Major spacing issues (e.g., "IMPORTANCEOFSOFTTISSUE...")

Inconsistent citation formatting

Duplicate reference (Foley appears twice)

Improper referencing style

No DOI numbers

No uniform Vancouver forma

These issues significantly reduce manuscript quality.

5. No Novel Contribution

The manuscript does not:

Propose new guidelines

Provide a clinical algorithm

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Offer a decision-making flowchart

Compare landmark reliability quantitatively

Identify research gaps clearly

Thus, the novelty is limited.

Significance of the Study

The topic itself is significant because:

Landmark identification directly affects:

Esthetics

Occlusal stability

Denture retention

Patient comfort

With increasing use of digital prosthodontics, 3D imaging integration is relevant.

The manuscript could serve as an educational review for postgraduate students if properly structured.

However, in its present form, its scientific impact is moderate to low.

Key Points (Major Concerns)

Major Issues

No review methodology

No critical appraisal of evidence

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Insufficient recent references

Descriptive, textbook-like writing

Formatting errors

No figures/tables/illustrations

No structured subheadings under discussion

No discussion of limitations

Minor Issues

Grammar and spacing errors

Inconsistent numbering

Citation repetition

Lack of conflict of interest statement

No funding disclosure

No author contribution statement

Recommendations for Improvement

To make this manuscript publishable:

Add:

Structured review methodology

Flow diagram of literature selection

Comparative table of landmarks

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Summary table: Soft vs Hard tissue reliability

Clinical algorithm for occlusal plane orientation

Recent references (2020–2025)

Clear research gap section

Improve:

Language polishing

Reference formatting

Remove duplication

Add figures/diagrams

Strengthen conclusion with future directions

Final Recommendation

Decision: MAJOR REVISION REQUIRED

The manuscript has a relevant topic and acceptable theoretical coverage; however, it requires substantial revision in:

Scientific rigor

Structure

Evidence synthesis

Formatting

Critical analysis

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It is not suitable for publication in its present form, but may become suitable after major restructuring and strengthening.