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Journal Name:	<b>Asian Journal of Dental Sciences</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_AJDS_120201</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS IN TAMILNADU TOWARDS MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH TEMPOROMANDIBULAR DISORDER: A QUESTIONNAIRE-BASED SURVEY</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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### **PART 1: Review Comments**

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's Feedback</b> <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Is the manuscript important for scientific community? <i>(Please write few sentences regarding this manuscript to justify your answer)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)	1. I suggest changing the title from <b>((Awareness and Knowledge of General Dental Practitioners in Tamil Nadu Towards Management of Patients with Temporomandibular Disorder: A Questionnaire-Based Survey))</b> to <b>((Awareness and Knowledge of General Dental Practitioners in Tamil Nadu Towards Management of Temporomandibular Disorder: A Questionnaire-Based Survey))</b> .	
<b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b>	1. The author(s) mentioned in the abstract that the questionnaire consists of 19 questions, but in the materials and methods section of the main text, the questionnaire is mentioned to be composed of 17 questions. 2. Please do not use abbreviations in the abstract section. 3. Please unify the type and version of the statistical analysis software mentioned in the abstract and the main text.	
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<b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b>	Reference number 11 is very old (1939). Please replace it with a more recent reference.	

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<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p><b>Abstract</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The author(s) mentioned in the abstract that the questionnaire consists of 19 questions, but in the materials and methods section of the main text, the questionnaire is mentioned to be composed of 17 questions.</li><li>2. Please do not use abbreviations in the abstract section.</li><li>3. Please unify the type and version of the statistical analysis software mentioned in the abstract and the main text.</li></ol> <p><b>Introduction</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In the second line of the introduction section, the author(s) should provide the full terms for the abbreviation (TMJ).</li><li>2. The statement ((According to several epidemiological investigations, TMD and Orofacial Pain (OFP) disorders are very prevalent in the general population)) needs two or more references.</li><li>3. Reference number 4 was conducted in 2016, therefore the term "current" in line 9 of the introduction section should not be used.</li><li>4. Clarify the meaning of "course of action" in line 13.</li></ol> <p><b>Material and Methods</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ethical approval (number and date) should be mentioned.</li><li>2. Clarify the meaning of DCI in the inclusion section.</li><li>3. Please define who TMD specialists are.</li><li>4. In the questionnaire framing section, I suggest the author(s) mention that the questionnaire consists of a demographic section (age, gender, and years practicing dentistry) and 14 questions about TMD.</li><li>5. In the questionnaire framing section, specify whether the questions were designed by the author(s) themselves or based on previous studies.</li><li>6. Define which questions pertain to knowledge and which pertain to awareness.</li><li>7. In the statistical analysis section, please mention the tests that was used in the study.</li></ol>	

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	<p><b>Results</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The authors sometimes use the term "women" and at other times use the term "female." Please use one of them consistently.</li> <li>2. Please write the name of the statistical analysis used under each table as a footnote.</li> <li>3. The author(s) wrote [Table/Fig-1], which needs to be corrected.</li> </ol> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. According to the answers to the questions, was there a correct answer, or were all answers considered, correct?</li> <li>2. I want to know the final level of knowledge and awareness of the dentists regarding TMD and if there is a difference between males and females or between age groups.</li> <li>3. In the section before the last, the author(s) wrote [Table/Fig-2], which needs to be corrected.</li> <li>4. The following sentence in the discussion section, ((It demonstrates that GDPs who took part in the trial had little knowledge of the recommended methodology and referral,)) is supported by reference number 12, but I found there are only 11 references listed. Please correct that.</li> </ol> <p><b>References</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reference number 11 is very old (1939). Please replace it with a more recent reference.</li> </ol>	
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**PART 2:**

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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