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Journal Name:	Archives of Current Research International
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Title of the Manuscript:	The Influence of Sociodemographic Factors on Anti-Social Behavior among Children: A Case of Bobaracho Area, Nyaribari Chache, Kenya
Type of the Article	Descriptive qualitative and quantitative study

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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This study could be highly useful for scientific communities as it addresses the complex interplay between sociodemographic factors and antisocial behaviour in children, a critical area in child psychology and sociology. By focusing on specific local contexts like the Bobaracho area, it provides valuable insights that can inform targeted interventions and parenting programs. Additionally, its mixed-methods approach enhances the robustness of the findings, making them relevant for both academic research and practical applications in community settings.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The term "influence" can suggest a causal relationship, which may not be appropriate for a descriptive study that primarily aims to explore associations rather than establish causation.</p> <p>Using a title that emphasizes association rather than influence would indeed align better with the objectives of a descriptive study. For example, a title like "The Association of Sociodemographic Factors with Anti-Social Behaviour among Children: A Case of Bobaracho Area, Nyaribari Chache, Kenya" would more accurately reflect the nature of the research without implying a definitive causal link. here are more suggestions for the title:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Exploring the Association Between Sociodemographic Factors and Anti-Social Behavior in Children: A Case Study from Bobaracho Area, Nyaribari Chache, Kenya" 2. "Sociodemographic Factors and Their Relationship to Anti-Social Behavior Among Children in Bobaracho Area, Nyaribari Chache, Kenya" 3. "Examining the Links Between Sociodemographic Variables and Anti-Social Behavior in Children: Insights from Bobaracho Area, Nyaribari Chache, Kenya" 4. "The Relationship Between Sociodemographic Factors and Anti-Social Behavior in Children: A Case Study in Nyaribari Chache, Kenya" 5. "Assessing the Association of Sociodemographic Factors with Anti-Social Behavior Among Children in Bobaracho Area, Nyaribari Chache, Kenya" 	

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<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>The abstract is comprehensive but could benefit from a few improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarification of Objectives: Explicitly state the primary research question or hypothesis to provide clearer context for the study's goals. 2. Methodology Details: Include more specifics about the sampling method (random, stratified, etc.) to enhance understanding of how participants were chosen. 3. Results Summary: Present key quantitative findings or statistics to give a clearer picture of the study's outcomes rather than just themes. 4. Implications: Briefly mention the broader implications of the findings for policy or practice, which would highlight the study's significance. 5. Limitations: Acknowledge any limitations in the study to provide a balanced view of the research. <p>Abstract:</p> <p>Introduction: Antisocial behaviour among children has become a growing concern, often linked to various family and sociodemographic factors. This study aims to investigate the influence of these sociodemographic variables on children's antisocial behaviour in the Bobaracho area of Kisii County, Kenya.</p> <p>Methodology: A descriptive survey approach was employed, targeting a population of 200 students. A stratified sampling method was used to select a sample of 150 children, with data collected through structured questionnaires and qualitative interviews. Quantitative data were analysed using SPSS version 20, while qualitative responses were categorized thematically.</p> <p>Findings: The analysis revealed significant factors influencing antisocial behaviour, including early parenting practices, media exposure, inadequate counselling, family separation, and lack of parental care. Notably, family conflict and parents' disciplinary responses were also critical. Key statistics indicated [insert specific findings or percentages here].</p> <p>Implications: The study suggests that parents and guardians should participate in seminars on effective parenting and actively monitor their children's behaviour to foster healthy development. Additionally, school administrators are encouraged to seek expert advice when addressing behavioural issues.</p> <p>Limitations: The study acknowledges potential limitations, such as the focus on a single geographic area, which may affect the generalizability of the findings.</p> <p>Declaration of interest:</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>Overall, the subsections and structure of the manuscript are generally appropriate. However, I recommend that the author separate the Results and Discussion sections. This distinction will enhance clarity and allow for a more focused interpretation of the findings. Thank you for considering my feedback</p>	
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Research Design: The study uses a descriptive survey, which is appropriate for gathering information about the characteristics, behaviours, or opinions of a population. However, the choice of design should align with the research questions and objectives, which are not specified here. 7. Sampling: The intended audience was 200 schoolchildren, but only 150 participated. The methodology mentions a "straightforward sampling approach," which is vague. It's unclear if this refers to simple random sampling or another method. Clarification on the sampling technique and any potential biases due to non-response or dropouts is needed. 8. Data Collection Instruments: A questionnaire was used for quantitative data, and an interview guide for qualitative data. The inclusion of both quantitative and qualitative methods strengthens the study by providing a more comprehensive understanding of the research problem. 9. The pilot study is a positive aspect, as it helps ensure the validity of the 	

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	<p>questionnaires and assesses participants' comprehension and the time required. However, details on the pilot study's findings and any subsequent modifications to the instruments would be beneficial.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Data Analysis: Quantitative data were analysed using SPSS version 20, which is a standard and robust tool for statistical analysis. 11. Qualitative data were organized into themes and presented narratively. This is an appropriate approach, but the methodology should describe the process of coding and theme development to enhance transparency and replicability. 12. Sample Representation: 13. Table 1 provides a clear breakdown of the sample size by type of operation (boarding vs. day students). However, additional demographic information (e.g., age, gender) would help assess the representativeness of the sample. 14. Limitations: The methodology does not mention any limitations of the study, which is crucial for understanding the potential weaknesses and the context of the findings. <p>In summary, while the methodology covers essential aspects of the study, it would benefit from greater clarity and detail, particularly regarding the sampling technique, the results of the pilot study, and the qualitative data analysis process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Result section: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detailing Statistical Analysis: While the identification of predictors is commendable, I noticed that the manuscript does not provide sufficient details regarding the statistical analyses performed. Including summaries of logistic or linear regression results, such as R² values and significance levels (including p-values), would enhance the transparency and robustness of the findings. This information is crucial for readers to assess the strength of the associations presented. 2. Chi-Square Test Results: Additionally, the results section lacks information on chi-square tests that could help to establish significant associations. Including these results would give readers a more comprehensive understanding of the data and its implications. 3. Qualitative Data Analysis: The methods of analysis for the qualitative data lack sufficient detail. A clearer representation of the coding process and selected quotations would provide valuable context and support for the conclusions drawn. 4. Discussion and Interpretation: The manuscript seems to jump to conclusions without enough discussion of the findings. A more in-depth exploration of the results and their implications would enrich the manuscript and offer readers a clearer understanding of the significance of the findings. 5. I encourage you to consider these suggestions as they could greatly enhance the clarity and impact of your work. Thank you for your efforts in researching this important topic, and I look forward to seeing how the manuscript evolves. 6. Ethical clearance, and consent forms. 	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p> <p>=</p>	<p>The references you've provided cover a range of studies related to antisocial behaviour, but there are a few considerations regarding their sufficiency and recency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sufficiency: Diversity of Sources: The references include a mix of journal articles, reports, and dissertations, which is good for providing various perspectives on the topic. 2. Thematic Coverage: The references touch on various aspects of antisocial behaviour, including predictors, developmental influences, and methodologies. However, they could benefit from more recent studies to ensure the findings are up to date with current research trends. 3. Recency: Publication Dates: Many of the references date back to 2014 or earlier. It would be beneficial to include more recent studies from the last five years to reflect the latest findings in the field. 4. Emerging Research: Consider incorporating recent literature reviews or meta- 	

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	analyses that summarize current knowledge regarding antisocial behaviour and its predictors.	
Minor REVISION comments		
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The writing is generally clear and conveys the research findings well. With some minor adjustments for clarity and flow, the manuscript has the potential to make a valuable contribution to the field. Overall, it's a solid piece of work, and I encourage the author to continue refining their arguments and presentation.	
Optional/General comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The paper presents a compelling topic that holds significant potential for encouraging societal interventions based on scientific findings. The study effectively employs both quantitative and qualitative methods, which are valuable for establishing associations that can inform future research. However, I believe the methodology, results, and discussion sections require substantial enhancement. Strengthening these sections is crucial, as they form the backbone of any study and are essential for providing a solid reference for academics. I would like to offer a couple of suggestions regarding the terminology used in your manuscript. In the field of psychiatry, we typically reserve the term "antisocial behaviour" for individuals over the age of 18, often referring to "conduct disorder" when discussing behaviours in children. I believe this distinction could enhance clarity and accuracy in your work. Additionally, I noticed your use of the term "Pageants" to categorize individuals based on religion. To foster a more inclusive dialogue, it might be beneficial to consider using more sensitive language, such as "local religion" or similar terms that respect the diversity of beliefs. I encourage the author to focus on these areas to bolster the overall impact of their work. With these improvements, the paper has the potential to make a meaningful contribution to the field and inspire further research and interventions. Thank you for your efforts on this important topic. <p>Ethical issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The manuscript does not mention whether the study received ethical clearance from an appropriate ethics review board. It is essential for the authors to provide this information to ensure that the research adheres to ethical guidelines regarding the treatment of human or animal subjects. I recommend that the authors clarify this point in the manuscript. The manuscript states that participation in the study was voluntary; however, it does not clearly specify whether informed consent was obtained verbally or through written documentation. For clarity and adherence to ethical standards, I recommend that the authors explicitly detail the informed consent process in the methodology section. 	

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	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
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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