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Journal Name:	Journal of Complementary and Alternative Medical Research
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Title of the Manuscript:	Scoping review of the literature on the psychosocial impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on West Africans in Victoria
Type of the Article	

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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>
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.	This manuscript is highly relevant as it examines the long-lasting psychosocial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially within a unique population of West Africans in Victoria, Australia, who may have compounded trauma from prior experiences such as the Ebola epidemic. By focusing on how past trauma influences the response to new traumatic events, the paper adds valuable insights into trauma-informed care and mental health support tailored to vulnerable populations. This work could aid researchers and health professionals in understanding the unique support needs of migrant communities during global health crises, making it a significant contribution to the fields of psychology, public health, and social work.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title, "Scoping review of the literature on the psychosocial impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on West Africans in Victoria," is generally suitable but could be refined for clarity. Consider revising it to: "A Scoping Review of the Psychosocial Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on West African Migrants in Victoria, Australia." This revised title specifies the migrant population and adds geographic detail, improving accessibility for potential readers.	
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.	The abstract provides a clear summary of the study's background, aims, methods, and key findings. However, it could benefit from a brief mention of the study's implications, such as how the findings can guide mental health policy and trauma-informed care for migrant communities affected by multiple traumas. Adding a sentence on these implications would enhance the abstract's impact.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	The manuscript's structure is logical and well-organized, guiding readers smoothly through the study's background, methods, results, and implications. The use of subsections enhances readability and aids comprehension of each component of the review.	
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.	The manuscript appears scientifically sound, with robust use of critical appraisal tools such as the McMasters and SPICE frameworks for study selection and evaluation. The reliance on both qualitative and quantitative studies provides a balanced view, and the review correctly identifies gaps in the literature, such as the need for more trauma-informed approaches for West African migrants. This systematic approach makes the manuscript a reliable and technically thorough contribution to the study of COVID-19's psychosocial impact.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are generally adequate, with a blend of recent and relevant sources. However, it may benefit from adding some recent studies on trauma-informed care and mental health interventions specific to migrant populations in high-income countries, if available, to strengthen the discussion.	

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Minor REVISION comments Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The language used in the manuscript is mostly appropriate for scholarly communication, though there are occasional phrasing issues that could be refined for clarity and readability. Consider a brief copy-editing pass to ensure consistency in terminology and improve the flow of some sentences.	
Optional/General comments	This manuscript would greatly benefit from a brief concluding paragraph summarizing potential future research directions, particularly in addressing mental health disparities among migrant populations during pandemics or similar crises.	

PART 2:

	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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