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Journal Name:	International Neuropsychiatric Disease Journal
Manuscript Number:	Ms_INDJ_127218
Title of the Manuscript:	Prescription practice of brivaracetam for managing epilepsy across different patient populations: A survey among Indian clinicians
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
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.	Brivaracetam is a relatively new antiseizure medication. The scope of this study which covers the practice across the country can give the community a clearer picture on the clinician's prescribing pattern in terms of efficacy of brivaracetam, which can encourage more clinicians to prescribe brivaracetam to targeted patient population. However, it does not present enough safety profile of brivaracetam in terms of adverse effects and use in population with renal and liver impairment. Methods to reduce bias should be included in the manuscript.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title is suitable.	
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.	In the methodology section, it was mentioned "questionnaire to gather expert opinion". Instead of expert opinion, this article presented more about the prescribing pattern and current practice.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	The subsections are appropriate. It would be good to add Limitation and Bias.	
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 managed to present a wide coverage on the current practice and prescribing pattern across the country with big sample size. In terms of scientific robustness, the data on safety profile of brivaracetam is lacking and should be added into the questionnaire.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are sufficient.	

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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The article is written in good English and grammatically correct.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Page 2 Paragraph 1 Introduction: "...The growing burden of epilepsy in India, driven by sociodemographic and epidemiological shifts,..." Can you please elaborate on the sociodemographic and epidemiological shifts? 2. Page 2 Paragraph 2 Introduction: "Brivaracetam, an AEM, is characterized by its high and selective affinity for the synaptic vesicle protein 2A." This sentence was repeated again in Paragraph 3 on the same page. It can be deleted from Paragraph 2. 3. Page 2 Questionnaire: Can you please cite the reference for "Brivaracetam in Epilepsy Management - Clinicians Perspective Study (BEST)" questionnaire? How is the questionnaire developed and is it validated? 4. Can you discuss based on findings in Figure 3, despite the good efficacy and safety profile of brivaracetam, why do the majority of clinicians only start brivaracetam in 30-50 patients at their site of practice? Would it be better to be presented in percentage of patients with partial-onset seizures instead of numbers? So that we can get a clear picture of the shift in practice to brivaracetam among partial seizure patients. 	

PART 2:

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

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