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Title of the Manuscript:	Knowledge on nutrition and hygiene of rural women of Assam
Type of the Article	Empirical Research Based Exploratory 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>
<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>The paper pertains to research on a very relevant issue of health but seems to be an excerpt from bigger research, due to which the authors have not been able to justify it adequately. The context and reference need to be built with the help of review. It has to address a global audience hence the context is important both cultural and theoretical.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>Awareness regarding nutrition and hygiene among rural Assamese women of India</p>	
<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 must bring out the gist of results and put them in context about how the author assesses the overall knowledge of the rural women of Assam, is it high level, medium or inadequate. It should conclude with either suggestions for the policy makers or the contextualizing of the results in the light of status of such knowledge among women in India.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>Mostly, though some suggestions have already been given in this form and the text itself.</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>	<p>The introduction must be based on relevant reviews rather than generalizations. Justification needs to be built based on statistical profile of women on the relevant concepts of study, of India and the state of Assam, and the nutritional status of women and children in Assam. There are programs in place under Mission Poshan hence the authors must justify why this research was important and relevant. The author must cite a few relevant studies on similar issues so that the research problem is put in context. It would have been better if objectives could have been given.</p> <p>If the journal format allows the methodology should be classified under the headings Locale, Sample, Tools used, Data Collection and Data Analysis. Since the audience is expected to be international, describing the people of Assam in a few lines could put the research in context. The statements of the tool are not well formulated and are ambiguous. The tool seems to be testing awareness rather than knowledge, and a few statements are not based on scientific evidence. It is not clear whether the tool was used in indigenous language or in English because some of the technical words could not have been understood by the respondents.</p> <p>The results and discussion section should commence with background information about the respondents. Their level of education, their occupation type and size of the family, age of the reference children etc. are required to understand the context. Instead of unknown some other word indicating lack of knowledge could be used. The interpretation of the results should be done scientifically.</p> <p>The conclusions must start by summarizing the findings, then use a funnel technique to organize them. Discussion with relevant review is missing, most of it is based on only study by</p>	

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	Gohain. Some Policy Implications or recommendations would have added value to the paper.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are meagre. There is abundance of research based on these issues.	
Minor REVISION comments Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	English needs to be improved	
Optional/General comments	Though the research has been done on a very relevant issue in the rural areas of Assam, yet the article needs major revision in all its sections. The context is totally missing in the whole article. The sections need proper organization. Some policy implications should be given in the end.	

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
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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