

Review Form 3

Journal Name:	Journal of Complementary and Alternative Medical Research
Manuscript Number:	Ms_JOCAMR_122413
Title of the Manuscript:	THE IMPACT OF EQUINE-ASSISTED THERAPY ON BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES IN CHILDREN WITH AUTISM
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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.	This is an excellent paper on equine-assisted therapy (a form of animal-assisted therapy) that has been used to help individuals with special needs (e.g., autism spectrum disorder). It is fresh in its approach backed by evidence-based studies. The author(s) are advised to be cautious with the interpretation of references. Ensure cited studies accurately support the claims made. be	to all
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Here are 3 suggested more engaging titles that : 1. Galloping towards Growth: How Equine-Assisted Therapy can transform Autistic Behavior in Children 2. Horses & Healing: The Effect of Equine-Assisted Therapy on Autism-Related Behavioral Challenges 3. Unbridled Progress: Enhancing Autism Behavioral Outcomes with Equine-Assisted Therapy	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Does it include the addition (or deletion) of some points in section? Please write your suggestions here.	you Yes. It is concisely written. Good! this	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	Appropriate.	
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.	First and foremost is the initial definition of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), which is mostly accurate but could be more concise. The term 'neurodevelopmental alterations' is somewhat vague; 'neurodevelopmental disorders' might be clearer. do of 3-4 Another important point to take note is the clarity in diagnoses. It would be helpful if the author(s) can clarify if all participants were diagnosed with ASD or if it was one of several conditions. The author(s) mentioned conditions like psychomotor delay, deficient general and specific motor skills, and others, alongside ASD. It is crucial to specify that these are actually comorbid conditions rather than primary diagnoses, to avoid confusion. In other words, the key diagnosis for all participants should be ASD as this paper focuses on autistic behavior in the participants in its study. Please also take note that there is a discrepancy in the reported number of participating boys and girls. The passage initially states "16 children (10 boys and 4 girls)" but later refers to a total of 16 children." The author(s) are advised to ensure that the numbers are consistent and correctly reported.	but if several of
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. -	Only 14 out of 38 references (or 37%) cited are more than 10 years ago. The author(s) have cited more current research studies to support their study. Excellent! have	

<p><u>Minor REVISION</u> comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Kindly check for misspelling and words are are probably non-English. Ensure grammatical correctness. E.g., SAD should be ASD, and “axându-se în mod particular” should be corrected or removed as it is unclear and appears to be in a different language. There are redundant statements in the MS, especially about social communication difficulties and the benefits EAT. Consolidate these into a more unified discussion.</p>	<p>of</p>
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>	<p>No further comments here.</p>	

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	<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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