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#### **PART 1: Comments**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's Feedback</b> <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>	This manuscript is of significant importance to the scientific community as it addresses a critical gap in the ethical and methodological frameworks surrounding the age assessment of unaccompanied minors seeking asylum in the European Union. By combining legal analysis, ethical considerations, and empirical research, it offers a comprehensive approach to ensuring that the age assessment process aligns with both human rights principles and data protection laws, specifically under the <b>General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)</b> . The proposed <b>Innovative Database System</b> for tracking asylum seekers who declare to be minors is a novel contribution to ensuring transparency and legal certainty in the processing of personal data, while safeguarding the best interests of the child. Furthermore, the manuscript's emphasis on <b>Sustainable and Tailored Recommendations</b> makes it a valuable resource for policymakers, NGOs, and child protection professionals seeking to improve practices in the age assessment and asylum process.	
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>	<b>Yes is suitable.</b>	

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<p><b>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.</b></p>	<p>To address the <b>methodology and data collection</b> related to the age assessment of unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors, especially in relation to <b>personal data protection</b>, here are some key queries and aspects that might be missing or need further clarification:</p> <p><b>1. What specific ethical considerations are involved in the age assessment of unaccompanied minors, and how are they addressed in the methodology?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This could include concerns about <b>informed consent</b>, the <b>non-invasive nature</b> of assessment procedures, and ensuring that assessments respect the <b>dignity and privacy</b> of the minors involved.</li></ul> <p><b>2. How were the interviews with experts conducted?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What criteria were used to select the <b>experts</b>? Were they from legal, child protection, or medical backgrounds?</li><li>• Were there any <b>interview protocols</b> followed to ensure consistency and ethical rigor? How were <b>biases minimized</b> in selecting experts?</li></ul> <p><b>3. What international references were studied, and how do they inform the recommendations for age assessments in the context of personal data protection?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It would be important to clarify which <b>international legal instruments</b> (e.g., UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, EU directives, GDPR) were consulted and how they influenced the proposed methodology.</li></ul> <p><b>4. What kind of data collection methods were used during the NGO visits?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Were <b>qualitative or quantitative methods</b> employed to gather insights from NGOs working with unaccompanied minors?</li><li>• How was the <b>representativeness</b> of the NGOs selected ensured (e.g., size, geographical scope, area of expertise)?</li></ul> <p><b>5. How are personal data protection issues addressed in the age assessment process?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What <b>data protection protocols</b> are in place to ensure compliance with the GDPR and safeguard sensitive personal data of minors?</li><li>• Is there a <b>separation</b> between the data collected for age assessment and other personal data (e.g., asylum claims) to prevent misuse or unauthorized access?</li></ul> <p><b>6. Was there a pilot or case study conducted in any EU member state to test the proposed age</b></p>	
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	<p><b>assessment procedures?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If so, what were the results of the pilot study? Did the <b>feedback from minors, social workers, and immigration officers</b> indicate any ethical or methodological challenges?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</b></p>	Satisfaction	
<p><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b></p>	<p><b>Reference format is incorrect.</b></p> <p><b>Correct Method below here:</b></p> <p><b>1. APA (7th Edition)</b>  <b>Book:</b>            Format:  <b>Author(s). (Year). Title of the book (Edition, if applicable). Publisher.</b>            Example:  <b>Smith, J. (2020). Data protection in Europe: Legal challenges and ethical issues. Oxford University Press.</b></p> <p><b>2. Article in a Journal:</b>  <b>Format:</b>            Author(s). (Year). Title of the article. <i>Title of the Journal</i>, Volume number(Issue number), page range.            https://doi.org/xx.xxx  <b>Example:</b>            Jones, A., &amp; Taylor, B. (2021). Ethical challenges in age assessments of unaccompanied minors. <i>Journal of International Law and Policy</i>, 45(2), 145-160. https://doi.org/10.1080/xyz</p>	
<p><b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	Satisfied	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p><b>1. Include Objectives and Methodology</b></p> <p><b>2. Scope and Need.</b></p> <p><b>3. Need to be improve suggestions and recommendation.</b></p>	

**PART 2:**

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

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