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<p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>		
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>	<p>1. Strengths of the Article:</p> <p>Timely and Relevant Topic: The article addresses a pressing issue of juvenile delinquency, focusing on the interplay between substance abuse and conduct disorder in young offenders, which is a critical concern for mental health professionals, policymakers, and society.</p> <p>Clear Objective: The study clearly defines its objective of exploring the influence of drug and substance abuse on conduct disorder, which is highly relevant to juvenile justice reform and mental health intervention strategies.</p> <p>Robust Methodology: The use of both descriptive and inferential statistics allows for a comprehensive analysis of the factors contributing to conduct disorder among juvenile offenders. The inclusion of regression and correlation analyses enhances the rigor of the study.</p> <p>Response Rate: The study boasts a high response rate of 92.65% among juvenile offenders, which strengthens the reliability of the findings. The full participation of other groups (administrators, counsellors, trainers) adds to the credibility of the data.</p> <p>Strong Statistical Findings: The regression analysis and correlation coefficient (0.906) between drug abuse and conduct disorder provide robust evidence of a strong and significant relationship. The R-squared value (0.816) indicates that substance abuse is a key explanatory factor for conduct disorder among young offenders.</p> <p>2. Areas for Improvement:</p> <p>Literature Review: While the literature review is comprehensive, it could benefit from a more in-depth discussion of local studies or studies from similar African contexts. A deeper analysis of the relationship between conduct disorder and substance abuse in juvenile populations could strengthen the theoretical framework and contextualize the findings within broader research trends.</p> <p>Data Analysis Explanation: The article mentions the use of regression analysis and t-tests but does not fully explain the underlying assumptions or the rationale for selecting these specific tests. More clarity on the choice of statistical methods would improve the transparency of the analysis.</p> <p>Interpretation of Results: While the statistical findings are strong, the discussion could benefit from more detailed interpretation. For instance, the article states that "drug and substance misuse accounted for 81.6% of the conduct disorder" but could elaborate on the other contributing factors (the remaining 18.4%) that may not have been included in the model.</p> <p>Inclusion of Qualitative Data: The article primarily focuses on quantitative data, but it would benefit from more qualitative insights, especially from interviews and focus group discussions. A deeper exploration of the personal experiences and narratives of the offenders could provide a richer understanding of the factors leading to conduct disorder.</p> <p>Clarity and Writing Style: While the article is generally well-written, there are some instances of awkward phrasing and minor grammatical errors. For example, phrases like "a regression analysis was carried out in order to ascertain and verify" could be simplified for clarity. The writing could be made more concise in certain sections to enhance readability.</p> <p>Figures and Tables Integration: While tables and figures are presented clearly, they could be better integrated into the discussion. Each table and figure should be explained more thoroughly in the text to provide context for the results.</p>	

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	<p>3. Suggestions for Revision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand the literature review to include more local and regional studies on conduct disorder and substance abuse among juvenile offenders.• Provide a clearer explanation of the statistical methods used in the data analysis, particularly the choice of regression and t-tests.• Elaborate on the implications of the 81.6% variance explained by substance abuse and discuss other potential contributing factors in the discussion.• Incorporate more qualitative insights from interviews and focus group discussions to deepen the analysis of the offenders' experiences.• Refine the writing by eliminating grammatical errors and improving clarity. Consider simplifying complex sentences for better readability.• Ensure that figures and tables are fully integrated into the narrative and discussed in more detail. <p>4. Overall Evaluation:</p> <p>Decision: Accept with Minor Revisions</p> <p>The article addresses a crucial issue regarding juvenile delinquency and mental health, providing valuable insights into the relationship between drug abuse and conduct disorder. The study's methodology is sound, and the statistical findings are robust. However, the article could be improved by expanding the literature review, clarifying the data analysis methods, and offering a more detailed interpretation of the results. Once these minor revisions are made, the article will be a significant contribution to the field.</p>	
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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)
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