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Journal Name:	<a href="#">Asian Journal of Advanced Research and Reports</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJARR_129217
Title of the Manuscript:	Influence of Drug and Substance Abuse on Conduct Disorder Among the Young Offenders at Shikusa Borstal Institution, Kakamega County, Kenya.
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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#### PART 1: 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>
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.	This manuscript addresses a critical and underexplored area of study by examining the impact of drug and substance abuse on conduct disorders among juvenile offenders. It provides valuable insights into the comorbid psychological and behavioral patterns affecting young offenders, offering a foundation for the development of effective intervention and rehabilitation strategies. The study's findings are particularly relevant for policymakers, educators, and mental health professionals, enabling them to better understand the factors contributing to delinquent behavior and design targeted prevention programs. By focusing on a specific population in Kenya, this research also highlights regional challenges and provides a model for similar studies in other developing countries.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Yes, the title of the article is suitable as it clearly reflects the scope and focus of the study. However, to make it more engaging and specific, an alternative title could be: <i>"The Role of Drug and Substance Abuse in Shaping Conduct Disorders among Juvenile Offenders: A Case Study of Shikusa Borstal Institution, Kenya."</i>	
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.	The abstract is generally comprehensive and provides a good overview of the study's objectives, methodology, and key findings. However, I suggest emphasizing the practical implications of the findings more clearly, particularly how they can inform policy or intervention strategies. Additionally, the mention of SPSS analysis and descriptive accounts can be simplified or moved to the methodology section to make the abstract more concise and focused on the results and recommendations.	
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	The manuscript is scientifically sound overall. The study examines the impact of drug and substance abuse on conduct disorders among juvenile offenders, a relevant and important topic within forensic sciences and psychology. The methodology appears robust, although additional details regarding data collection, research instruments, and sampling procedures are needed to strengthen the scientific rigor. More information on the validity and reliability of the research tools would also enhance the overall credibility of the findings. While the study presents valuable insights, some minor clarifications and elaborations are needed in terms of the methods and analysis processes, particularly for focus group discussions. The references are generally up-to-date, but incorporating more recent studies and international perspectives would further solidify the manuscript's global relevance.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are generally sufficient and provide a solid foundation for the study. However, while the majority of the references are relevant, some could benefit from being more recent, particularly studies conducted after 2015. Incorporating additional international references would also enhance the manuscript's global relevance, especially in the context of juvenile offenders and substance abuse in developing countries. To further strengthen the manuscript, I recommend including studies that focus on similar topics in other developing	

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	countries or global perspectives on juvenile delinquency and rehabilitation. This would help contextualize the findings and provide a more comprehensive understanding of the issue.	
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The language quality of the manuscript is generally suitable for scholarly communication, but there are some grammatical and stylistic issues that need to be addressed. Some phrases could be reworded for clarity and a more neutral tone, such as "Today's youth suffer from conduct disorder." Additionally, table and figure captions could be made more descriptive to better convey the meaning of the data. To ensure the manuscript meets the high standards of scholarly communication, I recommend that the article be reviewed by a professional language editor to address these issues and improve readability.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The manuscript addresses an important and relevant topic—drug and substance abuse among juvenile offenders—and provides valuable insights, especially with the data from Kenya. The study has the potential to inform policy development and preventive strategies, both locally and internationally. The overall scientific content is strong, but some aspects of the methodology could be clarified and expanded upon, particularly regarding data collection, research tools, and focus group analysis. The study would benefit from a broader global perspective, with comparisons to similar issues in other developing countries. Additionally, the practical implications of the findings should be emphasized more prominently. The language quality is generally appropriate, but minor revisions in grammar, style, and clarity would improve the readability and professionalism of the manuscript. I recommend addressing the suggested revisions to improve the manuscript's overall impact and ensure that it meets the scholarly communication standards.	

**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)
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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