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Characteristics and Efficacy of Play Therapy Interventions in Visually Impaired Children and Adolescents: A Systematic Review Study

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1 Original submission

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Referee 1 Reviewer

MAJOR REVISION 15 Jul 2020

Dear AE,
Totally the present article is well-established and the subject is interesting, but some major revisions should be considered.
- The more suitable title should be selected for the article.
- The abstract should state briefly the purpose of the research, the principal results, and major conclusions. An abstract is often presented separately from the article, so it must be able to stand alone.
- The necessity and innovation of the article should be presented in the introduction.
- It is suggested to present the structure of the article at the end of the introduction.
- The major defect of this study is the debate or Argument is not clearly stated in the introduction session. Hence, the contribution is weak in this manuscript. I would suggest the author enhance your theoretical discussion and arrives at your debate or argument.
- Please avoid reference overkill/run-on, i.e. do not use more than 3 references per sentence.
- Sections and subsections should be numbered in order.
- Following, you will find some new related references which should be added to the literature review:
Gamble & Crouse. Strategies for Supporting and Building Student Resilience in Canadian Secondary and Post-Secondary Educational Institutions;
Karimi & Nickpayam. Gamification from the viewpoint of motivational theory;
Udechukwu. Social Work Intervention against Illegal Child Adoption.
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- Page 4: the following paragraph is unclear, so please reorganize that:
“The quality score of the selected studies was as fallow: good (13, 14), fair (15-20), and poor(21). The total sample size was 448 subjects aging under 21 years old. The lowest and highest sample sizes were related to Skellenger AC (1990)(16) and Shesterova L (2019)(20), respectively. All of the studies were quasi-experimental. The studies were conducted in the USA (17, 20, 22, 23), United Kingdom(15), the Netherlands (14, 24), and Ukraine (20) with publication times of 1990-2020. The more data and characteristics of primary studies were presented in Table 1.”
- The more suitable title should be presented for table 1 instead of “Characteristics of the final papers entered in the analysis”.
- Much more explanations and interpretations must be added for the results, which are not enough.
- It is suggested to compare the results of the present research with some similar studies which is done before.
- Please make sure your conclusions section underscores the scientific value-added of your paper, and/or the applicability of your findings/results, as indicated previously. Please revise your conclusion part into more detail. Basically, you should enhance your contributions, and limitations, underscore the scientific value-added of your paper, and/or the applicability of your findings/results and future study in this session.
- “Notation” should be added to the article.
- DOI of the references must be added (you can use “https://crossref.org/").
Thanks

Associate Editor

MAJOR REVISION 26 Jul 2020

Dear EIC,
The manuscript is studied, and there are some comments which should be addressed by the author.
According to the comments, the document needs major revision.
Kind regards,

Editor-in-Chief

MAJOR REVISION 26 Jul 2020

Dear Authors,
Thank you for submitting your manuscript to Iran J Pediatr. Your manuscript has now been reviewed by our reviewer and Associate Editor. I now have the reports of the Referees, which suggest that your manuscript might be suitable for publication following a number of revisions. I attach some reviewer comments and invite you to submit a revised version of your manuscript addressing the points made.
Thanks

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Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

"In the Name of God"

Thanks for the review and valuable comments, the answer in the order of the comments are presented in the table below:

Comments	Response	Address in the manuscript
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Following, you will find some new related references which should be added to literature review: Gamble & Crouse. Strategies for Supporting and Building Student Resilience in Canadian Secondary and Post-Secondary Educational Institutions; Karimi & Nickpayam. Gamification from the viewpoint of motivational	Two of them included but unfortunately, we couldn't link the last one to our article**.**	In the introduction and discussion parts, Reference number 11 and 12.

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More suitable title should be presented for the table 1 instead of “Characteristics of the final papers entered in the analysis”.	It changed to "Attributes of the final primary analyzed studies ".	Table1, page 8.
Much more explanations and interpretations must be added for the results, which are not enough. It is suggested to compare the results of the present research with some similar studies which is done before.	The result part changed as you referred.	Result part.
Please make sure your conclusions' section underscore the scientific value added of your paper, and/or the applicability of your findings/results, as indicated	The conclusion part changed as you referred. Also the limitation and recommendation part is written at the end of discussion part.	conclusion part

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“Notation” should be added to the article.	Notation added Thanks.	Footnotes part.
DOI of the references must be added	DOI of the articles added.	References.

I will be really thankful if the review process takes less time.

Sincerely

Fatemeh Ghasemi Fard

2 Revision 1

3 comments · 29 Aug 2020 – 29 Aug 2020

Referee 1 Reviewer

ACCEPT 29 Aug 2020

Dear AE,
Excellent! Since the authors have made significant revisions according to the comments raised by all reviewers, I am supportive of this study for publication in the Iranian Journal of Pediatrics.
Thanks

Associate Editor

ACCEPT 29 Aug 2020

Dear EIC,
As the authors improved their manuscript based on the reviewer's recommendations, I think it can be accepted.
Thanks

Editor-in-Chief

ACCEPT 29 Aug 2020

Dear Author,
The second round of peer review of your manuscript has been completed, and I am pleased to inform you that your manuscript has now been accepted for publication in our journal.
Thanks