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	2. Repeat the review process after changes recommended by reviewer
	3. Reject the paper

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| 1. **GENERAL INFORMATION**
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| Manuscript Title |  |
| Reference Number |  | Date |  |
| 1. **GENERAL EVALUATION OF MANUSCRIPT**
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|  | **Adequate** | **Needs more detail** | **Not applicable** | **Additional Comments** **(if any)** |
| **Title & Abstract**  |
| Study design mentioned in title (for clinical studies) |  |  |  |  |
| Title reflects the topic and importance of study |  |  |  |  |
| Informative and balanced summary of methods, results and conclusion |  |  |  |  |
| **Introduction** |
|  Background / Rationale |  |  |  |  |
|  Objectives of the study |  |  |  |  |
| **Methods** |
|  Study design |  |  |  |  |
|  Study settings and duration of study |  |  |  |  |
| Study participants (Eligibility criteria) |  |  |  |  |
|  Intervention & Study outcomes  |  |  |  |  |
| Randomization and blinding details  |  |  |  |  |
| Qualitative and Quantitative variables  |  |  |  |  |
| Study sample (sampling technique, sample size) |  |  |  |  |
| Materials and Methods (sufficient details that allow the experiments to be replicated) |  |  |  |  |
| Statistical analysis  |  |  |  |  |
| **Results** |
|  Participant flow diagram |  |  |  |  |
| Descriptive and Inferential data  |  |  |  |  |
| **Discussion** |
| Key results with reference to study objectives |  |  |  |  |
| Interpretation of results |  |  |  |  |
| Generalizability of study results  |  |  |  |  |
| Limitations of study (sources of potential bias) |  |  |  |  |
| 1. **ORIGINALITY OF THE PAPER AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO RESPECTIVE FIELD**
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| Contribution to the field | □ None | □ Moderately Significant | □ Significant |
| 1. **FINAL DECISION**
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| □ Reject | □ Accept with major revisions and further review | □ Accept with minor changes without further review | □ Accept |
| Reviewers recommendations for improvements and revision (if any): |