

Review of: "The Noisy Silence of Deaf villagers of Dhadkai, Jammu, India: A Case Study"

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript. A very important topic indeed.

Herein are a few comments for your consideration

1. Put the person first before the disability – e.g., a person with a disability or a person who is Deaf
2. Be consistent with your terminology, e.g., Deaf, hearing impairment, etc. Can I suggest that you locate your study in the terminology that your study will use, e.g. "For the purpose of this study, the term Deafness or hearing impairment will be used....."
3. Methodology – could include sections so that it reads better, e.g., population, approach, design (why was a case study used), data collection, data analysis
4. Suggest you include a line to refer/address to the ethics of the study
5. I would have liked to see headings of themes and participant quotes – as this is relevant in a qualitative study as it speaks to the experiences of the participants
6. As indicated in the study, "The objectives of this research were to study the current situation of Dhadkai village and explore the challenges of the deaf villagers with respect to their accessibility to education." I would recommend that there should be a stronger focus on the need for education for people who are deaf in this village in the study.
7. Check the format, language and referencing style throughout the doc as it uses different referencing styles – be consistent throughout the document.