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Community Integration and Social Participation for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

"Borland et al. (2020) found that engagement in sports and physical activities significantly enhances the well-being and social inclusion of adults with ID."

Comment: Provide a more detailed explanation of how the findings of Borland et al. (2020) relate to the current study's objectives.

"The audio recordings from the interviews were transcribed verbatim and the transcripts were subjected to thematic analysis."

Comment: Detail the software and coding framework used for thematic analysis to enhance methodological transparency.

Table 1: Ensure consistency in capitalization across all categories and subcategories.

For example, change "Community environment" to "Community Environment" under "Influencing Factors."

"Visiting museums, attending festivals, participating in cultural groups."

Comment: Discuss how cultural activities specifically contribute to the participants' sense of community integration.

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"The sense of belonging reported by participants aligns with the findings of Ashley et al. (2019)..."

Comment: Discuss any discrepancies between your findings and those of Ashley et al. (2019) to provide a balanced perspective.

"The physical and emotional health benefits of participating in community activities reported by our participants..."

Comment: Relate these benefits to specific theoretical frameworks or models to provide a deeper analytical context.

"First, increasing accessibility to community services and facilities is crucial."

Comment: Provide more concrete examples or strategies for increasing accessibility to make the recommendations actionable.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

"Community integration for individuals with intellectual disabilities is essential for their personal development and social inclusion."

Comment: Include references to recent studies that support this claim to strengthen the introduction.

"A total of 27 participants were recruited from various community centers support groups and social service organizations."

Comment: Specify the time period during which participants were recruited to contextualize the study timeline.

"Availability of programs, physical access, transportation issues."

Comment: Provide specific examples or quotes from participants to illustrate these issues more vividly.

"Improved fitness, reduced stress, enhanced well-being."

Comment: Consider including statistical data or direct quotes to substantiate these perceived benefits.

"Use of assistive technology, online communities, digital literacy."

Comment: Expand on the types of assistive technologies mentioned and their specific impacts on social participation.

"First, the study's qualitative nature and purposive sampling method may limit the generalizability of the findings."

Comment: Suggest potential solutions or methods for mitigating these limitations in future research.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.