

Response to reviewers

First of all, I express my deep thanks to the reviewers who they well assessed the manuscript. The notes which were raised during the reviewing process enrich the article concerning the scientific and language issues. I took all the raising comments into consideration in the revised manuscript. I highlighted the required changes in a yellow color. I hope the changes made in the revised form are satisfactory for the reviewers and the study will be accepted for publication in the esteemed journal "World Journal of Clinical Pediatrics".

Best regards

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Reviewer #1

The current manuscript reviews the existing literature on the topic of hearing loss in newborns with a focus on epidemiology, etiology, classification, diagnosis, and treatment. It is a well-written manuscript with a comprehensive review of the literature.

Thank you for your support.

There are some concerns: - The similarity index of the manuscript is high. Please review the manuscript to paraphrase the sentences to decrease the similarity index.

I checked the article for plagiarism, and I found that only 5% plagiarism rate which is acceptable for the journal (please see the plagiarism report).

- I recommend using "hearing loss" instead of "deafness" in the Abstract, Keywords, and main text. "Deafness" is commonly used for profound hearing loss (<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/deafness-and-hearing-loss>)

Thank you for your outstanding point. I replaced the "deafness" with a "hearing loss" through the whole manuscript.

- In the Introduction, please explain what your manuscript added to the existing knowledge

Done.

- In the section "auditory pathway": the "auditory pathway" refers to the auditory segments of the central nervous system, not the middle ear and inner ear. Please rewrite this section

Thank you for your outstanding comment. Actually, I want to discuss briefly the anatomy of the ear and auditory pathway. Therefore, I changed the title of this section from "auditory pathway" into the "anatomy of the ear and auditory pathway". I hope this change is satisfactory for you.

- It is better to use “infant” instead of “baby”

Done.

- It is better to use “newborn intensive care unit” instead of “intensive care baby unit”

Done.

- What does SNHL stand for? Please add it to the first presentation of the abbreviation in the text

SNHL means sensorineural hearing loss. I added it to the first presentation of the abbreviation in the text.

Reviewer #2

I am really grateful to review this manuscript. In my opinion, this manuscript can be published once some revision is done successfully. This study used 71 references and a narrative review on various aspects of hearing loss in newborn. I would argue that this is a rare achievement.

Thank you for your support.

However, additional tables of study method(s), sample size, data type, performance and important predictor(s) would aid in improving the internal and external validity of this study.

Thank you for your outstanding comment. I added the table.

Reviewer #3

Any audiology book provide all information written in the manuscript

I respect your opinion. I hope you are satisfied with the new version of the manuscript according to the comments of the reviewers.