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| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_BPR\_4282** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Self-neglect among the Elderly: An Overview of the Concept, Status, and Assessment Tools** |
| Type of the Article | **Book Chapter** |

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| PART 1: Comments | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment | Author’s Feedback *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | This manuscript provides a comprehensive and multidimensional review of self-neglect among the elderly. By synthesizing existing literature and evaluating various assessment tools, the manuscript enhances the understanding of this critical public health issue. It highlights the need for standardized definitions and culturally sensitive assessment methods, offering valuable insights for researchers, clinicians, and policymakers. The findings and discussions presented in this manuscript pave the way for future research and the development of effective intervention strategies, ultimately contributing to the promotion of healthy aging and improved care for the elderly. |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The title "Self-neglect among the Elderly: An Overview of the Concept, Status, and Assessment Tools" is quite descriptive and accurately reflects the content of the manuscript. However, if you are looking for an alternative title, you might consider something like:  "Understanding Elderly Self-Neglect: Concepts, Prevalence, and Assessment Methods"  This title highlights the key themes of the manuscript while maintaining clarity and focus. |  |
| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here. | Include the specific impact of self-neglect on functional aging and health outcomes.  Remove repetitive phrases and streamline the language for clarity.  Emphasize the cultural dependence and lack of unified definition as key challenges.  These changes aim to make the abstract more concise and focused while retaining its comprehensive nature. |  |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | Here are some key points that affirm its scientific validity:  1. Comprehensive Literature Review: The manuscript references a wide range of studies from reputable sources, ensuring that the information presented is well-founded.  2. Diverse Assessment Tools:The detailed descriptions and evaluations of various assessment tools, both foreign and Chinese, demonstrate a thorough understanding of the methodologies used in the field.  3. Reliability and Validity Metrics:The inclusion of reliability and validity metrics for each assessment tool indicates a rigorous approach to evaluating their effectiveness.  4. Multifactorial Analysis:The discussion of the multifactorial nature of self-neglect among the elderly, including biological, psychological, and social dimensions, aligns with current scientific understanding.  Suggestions for Ensuring Scientific Rigor:  - Ensure that terminology is used consistently throughout the manuscript to avoid any potential confusion.  - Incorporate more critical analysis of the studies and tools cited to provide a balanced view of their strengths and limitations.  - Make sure all references are up-to-date to reflect the latest research in the field.  Overall, the manuscript is scientifically sound and provides valuable insights into the issue of self-neglect among the elderly. With minor refinements, it can be an excellent resource for the scientific community. |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.**  **-** | The references in the manuscript seem to be comprehensive and relevant. However, to ensure the most up-to-date information, you might consider adding a few recent studies:   1. **Prevalence of self-neglect and related factors among older adults living in Western Turkey:** This study, published in December 2024, explores the prevalence and factors associated with self-neglect among older adults in Turkey. 2. **The mediating role of aging attitudes between social isolation and self-neglect:** This January 2025 study investigates the relationships among social isolation, aging attitudes, and self-neglect among older adults living alone in rural China. |  |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | There are a few areas where minor improvements could enhance readability and flow:   1. **Consistency:** Ensure consistent use of terms and phrases throughout the manuscript to avoid any confusion. 2. **Clarity:** Simplify complex sentences where possible, without losing the depth of the content. 3. **Grammar and Punctuation:** Double-check for any grammatical errors or punctuation issues that might have been overlooked.  Specific Suggestions:  * **Abstract:** Make the abstract more concise and focused by moving some details to the main sections. * **Introduction:** Ensure the introduction clearly sets the stage for the discussion and is easy to follow. * **Conclusion:** Revisit the conclusion to make sure it effectively summarizes the findings and their implications.  Example:  * "Clarifying the basic connotation of self-neglect among the elderly and developing authoritative assessment tools are of great significance for geriatric research, medical care, and nursing work." * **Revised:** "Clarifying the concept of self-neglect among the elderly and developing reliable assessment tools are crucial for geriatric research, medical care, and nursing." |  |
| Optional/General comments | Strengths:  1. **Thorough Literature Review:** The manuscript references a wide range of studies, ensuring the information is well-supported by existing literature. 2. **Detailed Tool Descriptions:** The section on assessment tools is comprehensive, providing detailed descriptions and evaluations of each tool. 3. **Cultural Sensitivity:** The inclusion of Chinese-developed tools demonstrates an understanding of the importance of cultural factors in assessing self-neglect.  Suggestions for Improvement:  1. **Clarity and Conciseness:** The abstract and introduction could be more concise, with some detailed information moved to the main sections. 2. **Critical Analysis:** Including more critical analysis and discussion of the strengths and limitations of the studies and assessment tools cited would enhance the depth of the chapter. 3. **Enhanced Organization:** Using subheadings, bullet points, and consistent formatting can improve readability and make the chapter easier to navigate.   Overall, this manuscript is scientifically sound and provides valuable insights into the issue of self-neglect among the elderly. With minor refinements, it could serve as an excellent resource for the scientific community. |  |

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| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* |  |

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