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Please respond within the appointed time so that we can give the authors timely responses and feedback.

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Manuscript Title: PRINCIPALS' INSTRUCTIONAL SUPERVISION PRACTICES: KEY TO KISWAHILI ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE. CASE OF DAY SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN NAIROBI COUNTY, KENYA	
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Evaluation Criteria:

Please give each evaluation item a numeric rating on a 5-point scale, along with an explanation for each point rating.

<i>Questions</i>	<i>Rating Result</i> [Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]
1. The title is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.	4
<i>(a brief explanation is recommendable)</i> The title can be shortened by leaving out Case of Day.... The Day secondary schools can be under target population in the methodology	
2. The abstract clearly presents objects, methods and results.	2
<i>(An explanation is recommendable)</i> The object stated is not in line with the content, methods and results are missing in the abstract	
3. There are grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.	4
<i>(a brief explanation is recommendable)</i>	
4. The study methods are explained clearly.	3

<i>(An explanation is recommendable)</i> The sampling is general. Make it specific how the stated number of students, principals and lecturers were sampled.	
5. The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.	3
<i>(An explanation is recommendable)</i> It would have been clearer if the specific research questions were stated somewhere. The findings seem to be answering some research questions that have not been explicitly stated.	
6. The conclusions or summary are accurate and supported by the content.	3
<i>(An explanation is recommendable)</i> As a reader, I am wondering why Kiswahili was chosen? What is unique about it as a subject and in the Kenyan context? If the research questions are explicitly stated then the conclusions and summary will be accurate as they will all be aligned.	
7. The references are comprehensive and according to the APA citation style. <i>(All the sources in the list of references are cited in the content and vice versa)</i>	4
<i>(a brief explanation is recommendable)</i> <i>Maybe use of more references from other countries other than Kenya</i>	

Overall Recommendation (mark an X with your recommendation) :

Accepted, no revision needed	
Accepted, minor revisions needed	X
Return for major revision and resubmission	
Reject	

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s): It is a study that can inform a number of stakeholders.

A few questions to reflect on:

You can make the context clear for someone who is not Kenyan by reflecting on the questions below:

1. Why Kiswahili? Being a national language is it different from other subjects?
2. What was the rationale of including Principals of schools in the sample since

their actions affect the overall performance of the whole school?

3. What was the rationale of sampling Day Boys' secondary schools?

Comments and Suggestions to the Editors Only:

