

REVIEW REPORT

Title: **Visual stimulation to improve visual fixation and tracking in a late preterm infant: A case report**

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Reviewer A: Anonymous, COI: None, AI disclosure: None

1. **Comment** The study was done on single baby but the title is pluralistic.
Response: The title has been revised to accurately reflect that the study involves a single participant. It has been changed to "Visual stimulation to improve visual fixation and tracking in a late-preterm infant: A case report."
2. **Comment** In abstract section mentioned 5 sessions of visual stimuli for 5-6 mins per week in each subject but in case description 4 session for 5-10mins per week in a baby . Visual tracking score and HINE score were not properly mentioned. HINE score number writing was wrong. Pre and post value what did it not clearly defined. Patient's opinion on the treatment what does it mean? Use of coma between two reference number. Place of the study did not mentioned. Discussion section need to be elaborated with scoring.
Response: The intervention protocol has now been corrected. The abstract has been revised to indicate that the infant received four sessions per week for four weeks, each lasting approximately 5–10 minutes, also aligned with the case management section.
Quantitative outcome measures have now been clearly included in the manuscript. The HINE scoring format has been corrected according to the standard reporting method. Scores are now clearly presented as 23/78 at baseline and 51/78 post-intervention throughout the manuscript.
The pre- and post-intervention values have now been explicitly defined in the Abstract, Case Description, Results section, and Table 1. The location of the study has now been added in the Case Description section. The Discussion section has been revised to include interpretation of the outcome scores.
3. **Comment** A table is not necessary. The findings could be easily described in text.
Response: The results have now been clearly described within the text of the manuscript and the table has been removed.
4. **Comment** There are two old reference (ref no. 4 and 5). These could be replaced with recent articles, if available.
Response: The reference list has been carefully reviewed and updated.
5. **Comment** The story has been presented confusingly; clarity is necessary.
Response: The manuscript has been carefully revised to improve clarity, readability, and overall language quality.

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6. **Comment** The study got approval from clinical trial registry, mean it is an interventional study. In such a case, the prescription should be different.
Response: Clinical Trial Right of India provide approval for case report. Therefore we took our ethical approval for publishing this case report.
7. **Comment** The baby undergone visual stimulation session for 4 weeks. It will be better to make it clear whether baby was assessed by same or different person in pre and post intervention . If persons involved in post intervention is blinded about the intervention it might limit biasness. in discussion segment mentioning about similar studies done before this studies with similarities/ dissimilarities with the current study could strengthen this manuscript.
Response: The manuscript has been revised to clarify that the same trained physiotherapist conducted both the baseline and post-intervention assessments to maintain consistency in evaluation. Additionally, the Discussion section has been expanded to include comparison with previous studies on visual stimulation in preterm infants.
8. **Comment** The table can be replaced by texts.
Response: In accordance with the reviewer's recommendation, the findings (HINE score: 23/78 to 51/78 and Visual Tracking Assessment score: 6 to 14) are now presented directly in the narrative form for clarity and simplicity.

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11. **Comment** Please revise the title to a case report, not a case study.
Response: The title has been revised accordingly from "Efficacy of Visual Stimulation in Late Preterm Newborns: A Case Study" to "Visual stimulation to improve visual fixation and tracking in a late-preterm infant: A case report."