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Peer Review Report for "Assessment of Factors Predicting Inadequate Pain Management in Chronic Pain Patients"

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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 22 Aug 2019

Dear AE,
Thanks for your invitation.
My opinion are listed as follows:
1-The manuscript should be edited according to this journal instruction.
2-Table 1 needs to be edited again and corrected.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 23 Aug 2019

Dear AE,
Thanks to the author for submitting the article.
That was interesting . By ignoring some minor things in the article I evaluated it very good article.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) — 28 Aug 2019

Dear EIC

Based on reviewer comments this manuscript needs minor revision. Also, consider below ten references :

- Majedi H, Dehghani SS, Soleyman-Jahi S, Emami Meibodi SA, Mireskandari SM, Hajiaghababaei M, et al. Validation of the Persian Version of the Brief Pain Inventory (BPI-P) in Chronic Pain Patients. J Pain Symptom Manage. 2017 Jul;54(1):132-138.
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Thanks.

Regards

AE

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision (0)** 28 Aug 2019

Dear Author,

Your article is reviewed by the reviewers carefully. According to their comments, this document needs minor revision. Please follow their comments as requested.

Thanks.

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Reply to Reviewers

Ideally, the reviewing process can significantly improve the submitted manuscripts by allowing the authors to take into account the advice of reviewers. Author(s) must reply to all reviewers' comments in a separate Word file, point by point. A "**Reply to Reviewers**" document is submitted along with revised manuscript during submission of revised files, summarizing the changes that the authors made in response to the reviewers' comments. The responses to reviewers' comments specifies how the authors addressed each comment the reviewers made.

You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

Dear Editor-in-Chief and dear associate editor,

On behalf of my co-authors, we are sincerely thankful for the opportunity that we have to edit and improve our manuscript based on the valuable editors' comments.

We have tried our best to incorporate the editors' comments in the revised version of the manuscript. Our replies to the comments are presented as below:

Reviewers' Comments:

Reviewer 1:
Hi,thanks for your invite.
My opinion are listed as follows:
1-The manuscript should be edited according this journal instruction.

Reply: thank you for your comment. We will make sure that the manuscript will be prepared according to this journal style. If there is any specific issue, please kindly let us know your specific point about this journal instructions.

2-Table -1need to be edited again and corrected.

Reply: Thank you very much for your attention. We double-checked and reviewed the table-1 again. Moreover, we re-evaluated the data provided in the table with our statistician. We ensure that the data and details are accurately presented. However, if there is any precise issue that is concerned by the reviewer, we will be sincerely grateful that you mention it specifically, then we will certainly address the point to meet the reviewers' concerns.

Reviewer 2:
Hi , thank you for submitting your article. that was interesting . by ignoring some minor things in your article i evaluated it very good article. good luck !

Reply: we are very thankful for your positive feedback.

Associate Editor's Comments:

Associate Editor 1:
Dear EIC
Based on reviewer comments this manuscript need minor revision. Also, consider below ten references :

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Reply: this reference was already in the list of our references. Ref #29.

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Disability Misunderstood and Mismanaged: A Critical Analysis Based on the U.S. Model of Care, Anesth Pain Med. 2018;8(6):e85532.
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Reply: We are sincerely thankful from the editors and we appreciate the time they spent to review our study. We incorporated as much as references we could from the above list into our references. However, in spite of our wishes, the content of some of the above references are very different to our study and are not really relevant to a risk factor assessment investigation.

Again, we are sincerely grateful for the opportunity that we have to revise our manuscript.

With best regards,

Corresponding Author

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) — 7 Nov 2019

Dear AE,
The author could reply to the majority of requested items and now it is acceptable.
Sincerely yours.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) — 7 Nov 2019

Dear EIC,
Based on reviewers' comments, this revised manuscript should be considered as "ACCEPTANCE"
Regards

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) — 7 Nov 2019

Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.