Health Scope
Volume 12 · Issue 3 · e135609

OPEN PEER REVIEW

Implementing a Joint Operational Plan in Medical Sciences Universities: A Qualitative Policy Analysis in Iran

Reza Aghebati, Jafar Sadegh Tabrizi, Ali Jannati, Vladimir S Gordeev, Leila Doshmangir

SUBMITTED	REVISED	ACCEPTED	DOI
21 Feb 2023	24 Jun 2023	27 Jun 2023	10.5812/jhealthscope-135609

About this report

This open peer review (OPR) report shows the public comments made on this article during peer review, by the reviewers, the associate editor and the editor-in-chief, for every revision round, together with the authors' replies. Comments appear only with the consent of the people who wrote them. Reviewers who chose to sign their report are named; the others are shown as "Referee". Comments are edited for language only, and confidential remarks to the editors are not included.

More about open peer review: brieflands.com/knowledgebase/opr

Contents

1 **Original submission** Referee 1, Associate Editor, Editor-in-Chief 2
2 **Revision 1** Referee 1, Associate Editor, Editor-in-Chief 3
Authors' reply to reviewers 4
Reviewer and editor comments 7
3 **Revision 2** Associate Editor, Editor-in-Chief 8
Authors' reply to reviewers 9
Reviewer and editor comments 12

1 Original submission

3 comments · 5 Apr 2023 – 30 Apr 2023

Referee 1 Reviewer

MINOR REVISION 5 Apr 2023

Dear Authors,
Kindly have the manuscript revised by an expert who is a native English speaker. Grammatical errors are seen in the manuscript.
The Abstract section should be written attractively.
Objective section: Kindly state the objective of the study completely.
Indicate the achievements and functions of operational planning in Iran's health system.

Regards,

Associate Editor

MAJOR REVISION 28 Apr 2023

Dear Editor,
According to the reviewers' comments, the manuscript needs major revision.
Best,

Editor-in-Chief

MAJOR REVISION 30 Apr 2023

Reviewer 1:
Dear Authors,
Kindly have the manuscript revised by a native English-language expert. Grammatical errors are seen in the manuscript.
The Abstract section should be written attractively.
Objective section: Kindly state the objective of the study fully.
Describe the achievements and functions of operational planning in Iran's health system.
Reviewer 2:
Dear editor;
Thank you for the opportunity you gave me.
The comments were uploaded in a PDF file.
Best Regards.
Reviewer 3:
Hi,
This is a valuable study about one of the important health programs, but there are some comments:
- “Hop” is one of the important programs in the health system, so in “Background” it is better to explain the details and parts of the program.
- In “Method”, delete “this policy” and write its name.
- Provide information about the interviewees.
Good Luck

2

Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

Health scope

05/02/2023

Health scope ID:128065

Dear Editor

Subject: Submission of revised paper

Thank you for your email dated May 2, 2023 enclosing the reviewers' comments. We have carefully reviewed the comments and have revised the manuscript accordingly. Our responses are given in a point-by-point manner below. Changes to the manuscript are shown in highlight.

We hope the revised version is now suitable for publication and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leila Doshmangir

Associate Professor (Ph.D, Health Policy), Department of Health Policy & Management, Tabriz Health Services Management Research Center, School of Management and Medical Informatics, Tabriz University of Medical Sciences, Tabriz, Iran.

Response to Reviewer 1:

Thank you for your review of our paper. We have answered each of your points below.

- "Hop" is one of the important programs in health system so in "Background" it is better to explain the details and parts of program.

Response: Corrections have been applied and highlighted. Background: Page 2-3.

- In "Method" delete "this policy" and write the name of that.

Response: Corrections have been applied and highlighted. Method: Page 4.

- Explain about interviewees.

Response: Characteristics of interviewees are given in Table 1. Method: Page 3.

Response to Reviewer 2:

Thank you for your review of our paper. We have answered each of your points below.

- Kindly revise the manuscript by a native expert in English language. Grammatical errors are seen in the manuscript.

Response: The article was edited by native speakers.

- Abstract section should written attractively.

Response: the abstract was revised.

- Objective section: Kindly write objective of the study completely.

Response: Corrections have been applied and highlighted. Objective: Page 2

- Indicate to achievements and functions of operational planning in Iran's health system.

Response: Achievements and functions of operational planning in Iran's health system have been added and highlighted. Discussion: Page 9

Response to Reviewer 3:

Thank you for your review of our paper. We have answered each of your points below.

- **Please expand the importance of the issue. What is a study gap?**

Response: Corrections have been applied and highlighted. Background: Page 2-3.

- **Provide the demographic information of the participants in a table.**

Response: Characteristics of interviewees are given in Table 1. Method: Page 3.

- **This section needs a major revision. In the results section of a qualitative study, the sentences of the participants should be mentioned exactly for each theme.**

Response: Quotations related to each theme have been mentioned in Table 2.

- **It is suggested to discuss each theme in a separate topic.**

Response: Separate topic for each theme in the discussion was added.

- **What are your practical suggestions?**

Response: Practical suggestions for Iran's health system were added and highlighted.Discussion: Page 9

- **Please correct the way of referencing some references. for example; references 2 & 25.**

Response: Corrected.

- **The references of the last six years should be used.**

Response: Some of references were replaced with new articles.

- **As much as possible, articles should be used instead of books and the Internet.**

Response: Some of references were replaced with new articles.

Again, Thank you for your valuable comments.

2 Revision 1

3 comments · 8 Jun 2023 – 17 Jun 2023

Referee 1 Reviewer

MINOR REVISION 8 Jun 2023

Dear Authors,
Kindly check the keywords against the MeSH database.
Check line 63. What is the reference number?
Method: indicate the year of the study.
The type of qualitative study should be mentioned.
Provide explanations about ethical issues and the informed consent form.
Results: As mentioned in the previous round, the participants' statements should be quoted exactly for each theme; include some of the participants' conversation in the text, not in the table. Table 2 should be redesigned as follows: theme, category, and subcategory. Remove “Quotations” from the table and present them in the text.

Sincerely yours,

Associate Editor

MINOR REVISION 16 Jun 2023

Dear Editor,
In the second review round, the manuscript entitled "Implementing a joint operational plan in medical sciences universities: a qualitative policy analysis in Iran" needs Minor revision.
Best,

Editor-in-Chief

MINOR REVISION 17 Jun 2023

Dear Author
Thanks for submitting your valuable manuscript to the journal. As a result of this, we would like to inform you that the review of your manuscript is finished, and based on the editorial decision, you need to make a "Minor Revision" to your manuscript. Even though this manuscript is of sufficient quality to enter the review process, it needs some significant (minor) revisions in certain respects.
Best Regards

3

Revision 2

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

Health scope

17/05/2023

Health scope ID:128065

Dear Editor

Subject: Submission of revised paper

Thank you for your email dated June 17, 2023 enclosing the reviewers' comments. We have carefully reviewed the comments and have revised the manuscript accordingly. Our responses are given in a point-by-point manner below. Changes to the manuscript are shown in highlight.

We hope the revised version is now suitable for publication and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leila Doshmangir

Associate Professor (Ph.D, Health Policy), Department of Health Policy & Management, Tabriz Health Services Management Research Center, School of Management and Medical Informatics, Tabriz University of Medical Sciences, Tabriz, Iran.

Response to Reviewer 1:

Thank you for your review of our paper. We have answered each of your points below.

- Please expand the importance of the issue. What is a study gap?

Response: Corrections have been applied and highlighted. Page 3, Paragraph 1

- What are your practical suggestions?

Response: Based on the study findings, suggestions were developed. Page 10, Conclusion section, Paragraph2.

Response to Reviewer 2:

Thank you for your review of our paper. We have answered each of your points below.

Kindly check the keywords with mesh database.

Response: All of the keyword were checked with mesh database and modified based on. The key words of Policy analysis, Health policy, Implementation plan and Qualitative study and operational plan were matched with mesh terms.

Check line 63. What is reference number.

Response: the reference number was added at the end of sentence. Page 2.

Method: indicate to the year of the study.

Response: Corrections have been applied and highlighted. Method section: Page 3.

The type of qualitative study should be mentioned.

Response: The qualitative study approach was mentioned. Our study is an exploratory qualitative study conducted with the approach case study using interviews and focus group methods. (Method part, Page 3, Paragraph1).

Provide explanations about ethical issues and the informed consent form.

Response: Ethics approval and consent to participate were added to the text as following" All participants were informed of the study methods and benefits of the process. Written and signed informed consent was obtained from participants before beginning the study" . Page 10, Last paragraph.

Results: As mentioned in the previous round: the sentences of the participants should be mentioned exactly for each theme, refer to some of the participants' conversation in the text not in table. Table 2. Should be redesign as: theme ,category and sub category. Remove "Quotations" of the table and indicate it at text.

Response: Thanks for the comment. Our findings had been presented in as themes and sub-themes.But the table 2 based on you comment was redesigned as theme ,category and sub category and quotations were removed. The Quotations was indicated at the text.

3 Revision 2

2 comments · 25 Jun 2023 – 27 Jun 2023

Associate Editor

ACCEPT 25 Jun 2023

Dear Editor,
The manuscript (ID: 135609) has been revised based on the reviewers' comments. It meets the criteria for publication in the journal.
Best,

Editor-in-Chief

ACCEPT 27 Jun 2023

Dear Editor,
The manuscript ID: 135609 has been revised based on the reviewers' comments. It meets the criteria for publication in the journal.
Best,