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Peer Review Report for "Development a National Minimum Data Set for Disability in Iran: A Prerequisite for Development and Implementation of Electronic Disability Records"

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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 9 Aug 2019

Dear AE,
The title of this study does not correspond to the type of study, it is advisable to choose a title that corresponds to a letter to the editor.
- The final paragraph discusses the benefits of a minimum dataset. What is the difference between Electronic Health records and MDS?
- What is the need to design this system?
Thanks.

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 10 Aug 2019

Dear AE,
I write you in regards to manuscript # 94338 entitled "Development a National Minimum Data Set for disability in Iran: A prerequisite for development and implementation of

electronic disability records" which you submitted to Health Scope.
I looked through the manuscript. Since the rate of aging in Iran is increasing and as a consequence disabilities may increase, the work is clearly valuable. This will be much better if the authors do the following:
1- Explain more about how are you going to do this research? (The research method)
2- Explain whether similar research has been done in other countries and how will your work differ from them?
3- Since the topic of Electronic Health Records is one of the most important issues in Iran these days, highlight the importance of designing this MDS and the role of that in implementing the Electronic Health Record.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 17 Aug 2019

Dear EIC,
The manuscript titled: Development a National Minimum Data Set for disability in Iran: A prerequisite for development and implementation of electronic disability records" needs REVISION.
Regards,

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) 18 Aug 2019

Dear author,
The manuscript titled: Development a National Minimum Data Set for disability in Iran: A prerequisite for development and implementation of electronic disability records" needs REVISION.
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Revision (1)

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Dear reviewers

Thank you very much for your consideration, and we really appreciate the comments and have learned a lot. Appropriate changes were made and highlighted in the revised manuscript according to the suggestions of reviewers.

A detailed item-by-item response to each of the Reviewers' points follows.

Responses to Reviewers

Reviewer #1

1. The title of this study does not correspond to the type of study, it is advisable to choose a title that corresponds to a letter to the editor.

Answer: *Thank you very much for this comment. The title of the article seems to be appropriate and complete for the author perspective. However, if the referee suggests a more accurate title, the author will apply.*

2. The final paragraph discusses the benefits of a minimum dataset. What is the difference between Electronic Health Record and MDS? What is the need to design this system?

Answer: *I agree with reviewer and added the sentences to resolve the ambiguity as follows* "EDRs with providing adequate and timely medical evidence for the disability determination process and decision-making about disability benefits, and finally reduces delays causing societal costs [6]. Therefore, disability minimum data set for Iran will be forefront of development and implement of Electronic Disability Records (EDRs) for Iran, because complete, accurate and standard data elements are prerequisite for development and implement of each health information system including EDRs.

Reviewer #2

1- Explain more about how are you going to do this research? (The research method)

Answer: I agree with reviewer and a paragraph added to explain the research method as following"The design of the MDS will be done in two stages, including reviewing existing literature and resources used in the field of disability and implementing the Decision Delphi technique based on experts' agreement".

2- Explain whether similar research has been done in other countries and how will your work differ from them?

Answer: Thank you very much for this comment. A similar project has been carried out in other countries such as Australia (DSNMDS: Disability Services National Minimum Data Set). Therefore, each MDS in any field should be developed as national to meet the needs of its

stakeholders. Furthermore, the proposed MDS will also use the MDS data elements of other countries based of experts' agreement.

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Answer: *We agree with the reviewer and we added following paragraph in the manuscript accordingly.* "EDRs with providing adequate and timely medical evidence for the disability determination process and decision-making about disability benefits, and finally reduces delays causing societal costs [6]. Therefore, disability minimum data set for Iran will be forefront of development and implement of Electronic Disability Records (EDRs) for Iran, because complete, accurate and standard data elements are prerequisite for development and implement of each health information system including EDRs."

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) 27 Aug 2019

Dear AE,
Comments for the authors:
- Use the following paper for improving the background of disability in Iran:
"Disabled Iranian Veterans: Issues with Health Insurance Coverage and Policy"
- Write the reference of the following sentence: "Current health information technologies in health care facilities such as hospital information systems (HISs), electronic health records (EHR) and other applications that help in requesting and collecting medical documentation mainly focused on diagnosis, treatment, and payment and less cover the disability status and benefits"
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Best,

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 27 Aug 2019

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Regards

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) 2 Sep 2019

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Answer: *Thank you very much for this comment. To improve the background of the study, a sentence from the suggested source was added to the study as follows* "Providing health care services to people with disabilities and vulnerable groups is considered one of the main responsibilities of health industry managers in countries [3]".

2. Write the reference of following sentence:
-"Current health information technologies in health care facilities such as hospital information systems (HISs), electronic health records (EHR) and other applications that help in requesting and collecting medical documentation mainly focused on diagnosis, treatment, and payment and less cover the disability status and benefits"
-"Therefore, disability minimum data set for Iran will be forefront of development and implement of Electronic Disability Records (EDRs) for Iran, because complete, accurate and standard data elements are prerequisite for development and implement of each health information system including EDRs."
Answer: *Done and changed accordingly in the manuscript. s*

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Revision (2)

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REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (2) 7 Sep 2019

Dear EIC,
In the second round of the review process, manuscript ID 94338 has criteria for publication in the journal.
Sincerely,

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (2) 11 Sep 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.