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Peer Review Report for "Psychological, Cognitive, and Laboratory Characteristics of End-Stage Liver Disease Patients"

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Revision (0)

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Taghi Amiriani: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) 28 Nov 2019

Dear AE,
I have read the article titled: Psychological, cognitive and laboratory characteristics in End-Stage Liver Disease patients,
Good job!
- Would the authors please explain why they studied 91 patients is there any statistical reason or just due to other reasons?
- They didn't follow the patient after liver transplantation but in conclusion section of your study you concluded: Actually the main treatment of ESLD is liver transplantation even if the psychological and cognitive problem not cured before transplant, these problems can cause noncompliance thought for post-transplant follow up in these patients.
- The analysis section of the results and methods of the analysis need more explanation.
Good luck

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 29 Nov 2019

Dear EIC,
This manuscript has been reviewed by one expert and by myself. Although the study is

interesting, the authors need to carefully address the questions the reviewers raised.
Thanks.

Seyed Moayed Alavian: EIC | **Revision** (0) 4 Dec 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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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

Q and A:

Q1: Would you please explain why you studied 91 patients is there any statistical reason or just due to other reasons?

A1: This cross-sectional study was conducted in Namazi educational hospital of Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, in Fars province, referral center of transplantation in south of Iran, among 112 patients during 6 months who enrolled and finally 91 ESLD patients with transplant team confirmation according to clinical manifestations, laboratory findings and imaging studies cooperated with us in this study

Q2: *You didn't follow the patient after liver transplantation but in conclusion section of your study you concluded: Actually the main treatment of ESLD is liver transplantation even if the psychological and cognitive problem not cured before transplant, these problems can cause noncompliance thought for post-transplant follow up in these patients.*

A2: Actually the main treatment of ESLD is liver transplantation even if the psychological and cognitive problem not cured before transplant, so maybe these problems can cause noncompliance thought for post-transplant follow up in these patients.

Comment:
The analysis section of the results and methods of the analysis need more explanation

A: Statistical analyses were performed with SPSS software (SPSS:An IBM Company, version 21, IBM Corporation, Armonk, NY, USA).. Descriptive data were reported as mean± Standard Deviation (SD). Independent sample t-test was used after evaluation of parametric tests based on normality and equality of variance, Chi-Square test were used to make comparison the categorical data and Person correlation was used for continues data that based on normality to report correlation between psychological parameters. P-value <0.05 was set as significance level.

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) 27 Jun 2020

Dear AE,
The study is reviewed carefully. According to comments and revisions by the author, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks

Seyed Moayed Alavian: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 10 Jul 2020

Dear EIC
Based on the authors' answers to the reviewers' comments, the reviewer(s) have recommended publication.
Kind regards.

Seyed Moayed Alavian: EIC | **Revision** (1) 10 Jul 2020

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