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Peer Review Report for "High Hepatitis C Prevalence in Medium-Term Residential Addiction Treatment Centers in Kurdistan Province, Iran, 2018"

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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 7 May 2019

Dear AE,
This study is valuable for staff of camps and strict supervision of guests' behaviors and national policy as well.
There are some conflicting issues for readers.
- Is the camp place just for collecting data? what is the role of the camp for transmission of hepatitis C in camp users? Is the role of camp is high light for hepatitis C transmission among users?
- If the last question is correct, it seems needed to do the correlation between hepatitis C and Prior Camp use variable (285 (64.2) as well.
- In addition, based on references of 16,17 in the discussion section, it needs correction.
- By consideration of Iran's position for hepatitis B is in the low HBV prevalence areas, the reason or reasons, most probably (vaccination of neonates and high-risk groups) unsaid and need add to the discussion.
Best regard.

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 28 May 2019

Dear AE,

1- It would be better if the authors mention to univariate analysis in the manuscript

2- As a role of thumb, in multiple logistic regreesion there should have been about 10 cases per each parameter in the model. what is the explanation of the authors in this regard? however, when the researchers meet with sparse data,they can use exact logistic regression.

Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 16 Jun 2019

Dear EIC

The reviewer(s) have recommended publication, but also suggest some minor revisions to the manuscript. Therefore, I invite the author to respond to the reviewer(s)' comments and revise his manuscript.

Kind regards,

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) 16 Jun 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

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

Dear Dr. Nour-Mohammad Bakhshani,

Respected Editor-in-Chief **of International Journal of High Risk Behaviors and Addiction**

First of all, we would like to thank the respected reviewers whose technical comments helped us to improve and revise our paper entitled "High Hepatitis C Prevalence in Medium-term Residential Centers (CAMPs) for Drug Addicts in Kurdistan Province of Iran, 2018 with ID: 90078". We made the required changes in the manuscript and highlighted them in the paper; additionally, in the table below we have listed the revisions and the responses to the comments.

Regards,

Corresponding Author,

Reviewers number	Reviewer/editor Comments	Response
Reviewer 1	1-Is the camp place just for collecting data? what is role of camp for transmission of hepatitis C in camp users? Is role of camp is high light for hepatitis C transmission among users? If the last question is correct, it seems needed to do the correlation between hepatitis C and Prior Camp use variable (285 (64.2) as well. 2-In addition to , based on references of 16,17 in discussion section, is need correction . By consideration of Iran's position for hepatitis B is in the low HBV prevalence areas , the reason or reasons , most probably(vaccination of neonates and high risk groups) unsaid and need add to discussion.	1-Many thanks for reviewer question. In fact, there is no evidence about hepatitis C transmission and its prevalence in camps, so we carried out this study to provide evidence for policy makers about risk of Hep. C among camp's residents if precautionary/preventive measures are not followed. Indeed, a large number of addicts with a history of high-risk behaviors reside in these camps, and in addition, the prevalence of hepatitis C in camps is also high according to the results of our study that done for first time in Iran. Therefore, it can be said that incorrect management of these camps may lead to continued high risk behaviors among camps residents and increasing the chance of blood borne diseases transmission, such as hepatitis C virus. 2-We added more explanation to the discussion section about this comment. It was highlighted in the text.
Reviewer 2	1-It would be better if the authors mention to univariate analysis in the manuscript 2-as a role of thumb, in multiple logistic regreesion there should have been about 10 cases per each parameter in the model. what is the explanation of the authors in this regard?however when the researchers meet with sparse data,they can use exact logistic regression	1.We mentioned univariate analysis in the method section and results (table 3, unadjusted column). **2. We would like to thank your reviewer comment and his/her attention about modeling of the results and Rule of Ten Events per Variable in Logistic regression.** **It should be noted the gender is the only variable that does not have the same conditions and is not**

		entered in the final model. In addition, there is a paper that demonstrated this rule can be relaxed, in particular for sensitivity analyses undertaken to demonstrate adequate control of confounding. (https://academic.oup.com/aje/article/165/6/710/63906).

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) 24 Jul 2019

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

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 2 Sep 2019

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

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

Dear Author,
Your article is accepted, in galley proof add this related article:
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regards,