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Peer Review Report for "QT Interval Prolongation in COVID-19 Patients on Methadone Treatment"

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Revision (0)

Here, you can see the **Reviewers**, **Associate Editors** and **EICs'** comments from the beginning to the end of the revision process.

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 8 May 2020

Dear AE,
This letter is very informative and practical. Only a few minor revisions are recommended.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) — 8 May 2020

Dear EIC,
This is with further reference to your paper submitted for possible publication in IJPBS. The paper has been carefully reviewed and it is suggested that the manuscript requires minor revision and should be modified according to the reviewer's comments which are appended below.
Thanks.

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) — 8 May 2020

Dear Author,
Your paper has been evaluated by an external peer reviewer. Please do your revisions according to the reviewer's comments. I appreciate you doing the revisions as soon as possible by using the track changes mode in MS Word and using colored text.

After revision authors are obliged to upload the reviewer's comments word file in which they have replied to all comments one by one.

We look forward to receiving your revised manuscript. Thank you for sending your work to the Iranian Journal of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

Thanks.

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Revision (1)

Reply to Reviewers

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

Dear EIC

Many thanks for your letter informing us of your decision regarding the manuscript **no. ID 104431 entitled " QT interval prolongation in patients under methadone treatment with Covid-19"**

We revised the manuscript according to the rewewers comments. Responses to the reviewers' comments have been provided below.

Sincerely yours

- Comment 1 (Start the name of the virus with capital letter: Covid-19 or COVID-19):

Edited and highlighted.

-Comment 2 (Needs citation. Otherwise, you may omit this part of the sentence):

The reference of " for prophylaxis against COVID-19" was added and highlighted. Also reference number 7 was edited.

-Comment 3 (Generic names of drugs start with lowercase (a small letter):

Edited and highlighted.

-Comment 4 (I suggest you add this sentence as well):

The sentence "4. Proper education of patients and physicians about this risk" was added and highlighted.

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REFEREE: EIC | **Revision (1)** 11 May 2020

Dear Author,
Thank you very much for revising the manuscript, I think the necessary revisions have been done and the manuscript can be published in IJPBS.
Thanks.