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Peer Review Report for "Relationship Between Domestic Violence in Pregnancy and Maternal Fetus Attachment"

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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | Revision (0) 23 Nov 2020

Dear AE,

There are some comments which should be addressed by the author:

Title
1) Proper Article TITLE? Yes
2) Does the title reflect the content appropriately? Yes
3) Is there any abbreviation in the TITLE? No
4) Importance and originality of the subject? (Is the information, or the interpretation of the information, new?) Yes
5) Proper Authors' names and institutional affiliations? No authors mentioned there
6) Source(s) of support in the form of grants, equipment, drugs, or all of these? Yes

Abstract
7) Is there a structured ABSTRACT? Yes, completely, but it's too long.
8) How many words are there in the ABSTRACT (Count = 250-350)? Yes
9) Accurateness and adequacy of the ABSTRACT? (Does the abstract describe the content

accurately?) Yes
10) Are KEYWORDS (3-10) selected from MESH (http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MBrowser.html)? Yes

Introduction
11) Clarity of the objectives/hypotheses? (Are the objectives clearly stated?)
Completely, it's better to describe domestic violence.
12) Does INTRODUCTION include: “What we know”, “What we don’t know” and “Aims”?
Yes, it had what we know and aims. Is it better to describe the range of violence in that country?
Is there any contribution to protect against violence against pregnant women and women totally?

Materials And Methods
13) Clearly describe selection of participants (patients or laboratory animals, including controls)? Yes
14) Study Design Described Sufficiently? Yes
15) Adequacy of the sample studied? Yes
16) Subjects Representative of Target Population? Yes
17) Provided sample size calculation or justification? No
18) Control Subjects Appropriate? Yes
19) Power of study declared? Yes
20) Reported actual P values for primary analyses? Yes
21) Blinding of Investigators (if possible)? Not indicated in this study
22) Blinding of subjects (if possible)? Not indicated in this study
23) Identify the methods, apparatus (give the manufacturer’s name and address in parentheses)? Not indicated in this method
24) Identify procedures in sufficient detail to allow other workers to reproduce the results.
completely
25) Give references to established methods and brief descriptions for methods that have been published but are not well known.
completely
26) Describe new or substantially modified methods, give reasons for using them, and evaluate their limitations. Not indicated
27) Identify precisely all drugs and chemicals used, including generic name(s), dose(s), and route(s) of administration. Not indicated in this study
28) Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria Explained? No, please
Import inclusion, exclusion criteria
29) Appropriate Statistical Analysis? yes
30) Identified all statistical methods unambiguously? yes
31) Explain Ethical Considerations? Partially

Review Articles
32) Should authors submitting review manuscripts include a section describing the methods used for locating, selecting, extracting, and synthesizing data?
It was not an RCT.

Results

33) Is the interpretation of RESULTS accurate?

YES, it appears to be accurate

34) RESULTS recorded appropriately?

yes

35) Appropriateness, clarity, and adequacy of the TABLES AND FIGURES?

No figures were detected, but the tables are accurate.

36) Present results in logical sequence in the text, tables, and illustrations, giving the main or most important findings.

yes

37) Repeat the data in the tables and text.

no

38) Emphasize or summarize only important observations.

Not all result

39) Any Appendix for extra or supplementary materials and technical detail?

No appendix or supplementary is essential.

40) Restrict tables and figures to those needed to explain the argument of the paper and assess its support.

no

41) Use graphs as an alternative to tables with many entries.

Not obligatory

42) Duplicate data in graphs and tables?

no

43) Use technical terms that are non-technical in statistics, such as “random” (which implies a randomizing device), “normal,” “significant,” “correlations,” and “sample.”?

no

Discussion

44) Relevance of the DISCUSSION section?

Yes,completely

45) CONCLUSIONS justified & substantiated? yes

46) What CONCLUSIONS would you draw from these results?

According to the text, domestic violence affects mother-fetus bonding and attachment and clearly decreases the attachment.

47) Analysis supports CONCLUSIONS?

completely

48) Are the conclusions supported by the discussion?

Yes completely.

References

49) Appropriateness of the REFERENCES? yes

50) Proper Writing of the REFERENCES? It should check the journal structure

51) References for the last 5 years? yes

52) Which type of writing is observed for references (Vancouver, Harward, Oxford, etc)?

Vancouver

53) Indicate references in parentheses.
yes
General Review
54) Proper Style for Medical Writing? yes
55) Define unique terms and acronyms the first time used. Not used
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61) What additional information would you need to reproduce this study?
62) Your final conclusion is that approval, minor revision, major revision, and a decline in minor revision are essential.

Kind Regrds

¬ **REFEREE**: Reviewer | **Revision (**0**)** 29 Nov 2020

Dear AE,

It was my honor to review for your valuble journal. the mentioned manuscript is worth to publish by minor rivision. General checklist and evaluation will be submitted accordingly.

Best regard

¬ **Katayoon Razjouyan**: Associate Editor | **Revision (**0**)** 25 Mar 2021

Dear EIC,

1- The method of the article is not clear.
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Kind Regards

¬ **Mehran Zarghami**: EIC | **Revision (**0**)** 3 Apr 2021

Dear Authors,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript for consideration for publication in the Iranian Journal of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. External peer reviewers have evaluated your paper. Please revise it according to their comments. I would appreciate it if you could do the revisions as soon as possible.

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

Kind Regards,
EIC

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Reply to Reviewers

Ideally, the reviewing process can significantly improve the submitted manuscripts by allowing the authors to take into account the advice of reviewers. Author(s) must reply to all reviewers' comments in a separate Word file, point by point. A "**Reply to Reviewers**" document is submitted along with revised manuscript during submission of revised files, summarizing the changes that the authors made in response to the reviewers' comments. The responses to reviewers' comments specifies how the authors addressed each comment the reviewers made.

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

Dear Reviewer :

According to the journal rules, I response to question which I need to reply(ignoring the appropriate part)
R1: It was my honor to review for your valuble journal. the mentioned manuscript is worth to publish by minor rivision. general checklist and evaluation will be submitted accordingly.
best regard
Reviewer 2:
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Associate Editor's Comments:

Associate Editor 1:
1- The method of the article is not clear. I try to make it more clear in the text. The method, sampling, inclusion and exclusion criteria, instrument clarity were edited carefully.
2-According to the age of onset of attachment in the mother-child relationship, how many months after the end of pregnancy the research had done? Inclusion criteria was 28-40 weeks women. Not after delivery.

Was the mother's pregnancy terminated or not? They were not our subject, just in pregnancy

How did the researcher eliminate other interfering factors, such as the father's addiction, the father's illness, etc.? according to randomized sampling such these interfering factors were modified.
3- Is it better to give a brief explanation about domestic violence and attachment. I add some part in discussion
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Mehran Zarghami: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 11 Dec 2021

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

Mehran Zarghami: EIC | **Revision** (1) 11 Dec 2021

Dear Author,
We have completed our review of your manuscript and are pleased to inform you that it is being considered for publication in the IJPBS. Note that the publication of your article will only be finalized upon your cooperation with the editorial processing.
Thank you for your fine contribution, and we look forward to your continued contributions to the Journal.
Kind Regards,
EIC