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Revision (0)

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Elham Shirazi: Reviewer | Revision (0) — 5 Mar 2021

Dear AE,
Comments for the authors:
1. It is mentioned that comorbidity was not related with dropout, it is necessary to give a table about comorbidities.
2. How were the parents' illnesses evaluated?
Thanks.

REFEREE: Reviewer | Revision (0) — 23 Mar 2021

Dear AE,
This article deals with an important issue and the principles of research methods and article writing are well observed and have good coherence. There are just a few minor bugs that need to be corrected by the author / authors:

- Please enter the reference page numbers 9, 10, 13, 15, and 17.
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- Captions should briefly explain the tables and should be understandable without reference to the text.

Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision (**0**)** 23 Mar 2021

Dear EIC,

This is with further reference to the paper submitted for possible publication in IJPBS.

This paper has been carefully reviewed and it is suggested that the manuscript requires minor revision and should be modified according to the reviewers' comments which are appended below.

Thanks.

Mehran Zarghami: EIC | **Revision (**0**)** 23 Mar 2021

Dear Authors,

Your paper has been evaluated by external peer reviewers. Please do your revisions according to the reviewers' 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 reviewers' comments word file in which they have replied to all comments one by one.

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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.

Thanks

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

Reply to reviewers of paper 113655

Dear colleagues,

Kindly not that all adaptations or additions, text or table, which were suggested by the reviewers are highlighted in YELLOW. We also found few unclear sentences that we rephrased without any change in concept which appear in GREEN.

Reviewer 1:

1. It is mentioned that comorbidity was not related with dropout, it is necessary to give a table about comorbidities. We added a table and adapted another table and some text to include and explain the requested data accordingly.

2. How was the parents' illnesses evaluated? By interviewing the parents. Physical examination of the parents was not within the scope of this study.

Reviewer 2:

This article deals with an important issue and the principles of research methods and article writing are well observed and have good coherence. There are just a few minor bugs that need to be corrected by the author / authors:

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- Also add the DOI of all the articles at the end of them. Done accordingly.

- Captions should briefly explain the tables and should be understandable without reference to the text. Thanks, we followed your advice.

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) 15 May 2021

Dear AE,
Corrections to the article are acceptable.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 15 May 2021

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

Mehran Zarghami: EIC | **Revision** (1) 15 May 2021

Dear Authors,
We have completed our review of your manuscript and are pleased to inform you that it is considered for publication in the IJPBS. Note that the publication of your article will only be finalized upon your cooperation with the editorial processing.
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Thanks.