OPEN PEER REVIEW

Open Peer Review (OPR)

As a new feature for progressing towards transparency, we decided to open a new window for all of our editors as well as authors titled "**Open Peer Review**". We hope by this new facility, our reviewers will be more motivated and authors will be more satisfied with the review process. We believe that publishing our peer review reports could make a transparent and clear environment for all our efforts within a journal, but not all reviewers tend to publish their comments.

What is "Open Peer Review" process?

An "Open Peer Review" process is making the details of all review process (including reviewers, associate editors, and EICs comments) as "Public" as it is agreed by EIC, Authors, and reviewers.

Advantages of "Open Peer Review" process

- More transparency, constructiveness and tactful comments of the peer review process: leads to an increase in the quality of reviews
- More motivations for all involved roles in the review process
- Authors' satisfactions from the review process: Increases honesty between authors and reviewers
- Education of both authors and new students
- Prevents reviewers from following their individual agendas and leading to the detection of reviewers' conflicts of interests

You can find out more at:
https://brieflands.com/briefland/knowledgebase/category/tree.html#opr.html

IJ Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Article DOI: https://doi.org/10.5812/ijpbs-127173
Published in: IJ Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences: 16(4); e127173

Peer Review Report for "Frequency of Obsessive-Compulsive Symptoms Related to Anxiety in Nurses Care for COVID-19 Patients: A Cross-sectional Study"

Author(s): Marzieh Beigom Bigdeli Shamloo, leila kalani, Elham Ramezanpour, Zahra Nouri Khaneghah, Neda Rashidi

Review Timeline:

Submit Date:	23 Apr 2022
Revised Date:	3 Aug 2022
Accepted Date:	24 Sep 2022

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) — 1 May 2022

Dear AE,

Many thanks for your efforts to publish state-of-the-art papers in the journal.
Although the above-mentioned manuscript addresses an important part of the COVID-19 pandemic problem among physicians and nurses, it has some failures that should be considered.
The work cannot show the prevalence but the frequency at most.
Maudsley's questionnaire merely screens the OC symptoms in a non-clinical population.
OCD diagnosis needs to be affirmed by a semi-structured interview.
For detecting a relationship between oc symptoms and anxiety levels, one should also pay attention to the pre-morbid conditions.
Based on the procedures implemented in the study, the results may not be generalizable.
The manuscript can be considered a short communication paper.

Kind Regards,

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) 13 Jul 2022

Dear AE,
The study is reviewed carefully. According to the comments this manuscript needs minor revision.
Thanks

Mahtab Motamed: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 17 Jul 2022

Dear EIC,
The manuscript has been studied, and some comments should be addressed by the author. According to the comments, the document needs major revision.
Kind regards,
AE

Mehran Zarghami: EIC | **Revision** (0) 18 Jul 2022

Dear Authors,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript for consideration for publication in the Iranian Journal of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Your article was initially reviewed. As one of the reviewers has recommended, please rewrite the article in the form of a “Brief Report” and re-submit it for review.
Also, using the "cross-sectional" research method is a more appropriate term. In addition, in the methods section, mention the name of the city and country of study, sample size calculation method, as well as inclusion and exclusion criteria.

Kind Regards,
EIC

OPEN PEER REVIEW

Revision (1)

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.

	Reviewer 1	Auther
1	The work cannot show the prevalence but the frequency at most	Thanks for your valuable comments. The edited Frequency of Obsessive-Compulsive Symptoms related to Anxiety in Nurses taking care of patients with of COVID-19: A cross-sectional study
2	Maudsley questionnaire merely screens the OC symptoms in a non-clinical population. OCD diagnosis needs to affirmed by a semi structured interview.	Thanks for your valuable comments 1-According to the reference21-23, this questionnaire has been used in the clinical population. Our purpose in this study is to investigate the frequency of obsessive-compulsive symptoms and not the frequency of obsessive-compulsive disorder the Maudsley Obsessive-Compulsive Inventory (MOCI is a self-report questionnaire. nurses had the ability to scoring their symptoms to know if they are probably having OCD to be diagnosed as early as possible and seek medical advice and treatment.
3	For detecting a relationship between oc symptoms and anxiety levels, one should also pay attention to the pre morbid conditions.	Thanks for your valuable comments One of the limitations of this study is the lack of access to the level of obsessive-compulsive symptoms

		of the nurses participating in the present study before the pandemic period
4	Based on the procedures implemented in the study, the results may not be generalisable	It is report in the study limitation section
5	The manuscript can be considered as a short communication paper.	Thanks for your valuable comments but We intend to publish The manuscript in the form of an original article
	Reviewer 2	
	Keywords	Thanks for your valuable comments. the edited
	please check again about the validty and reliablity of this questionaire in Iran. Are there any references which had done in Iran with this questilnnare, please bring the references.	Thanks for your valuable comments the edited
	for Persian languge citations, please add (Persian) of [Persian] base on the journal guideline	The edited
	please try abbreviated forms of the source or citation in this article.	The edited
	Associate Editor 1	
	The reviewers has now reviewed your manuscript. Although you focused on an important issue regarding COVID-19, reviewers concerns should be addressed.	The edited
	EIC Decision:	
	Thank you for submitting your manuscript for consideration for publication in Iranian Journal of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Your article was initially reviewed. As one of the reviewers has recommended, please rewrite the article in the form of a “Brief Report” and re-submit it for review. Also, using "cross-sectional" research method is a more appropriate term. In addition, in the methods	Thanks for your valuable comments The edited

	section, mention the name of the city and country of study, sample size calculation method, as well as inclusion and exclusion criteria.	

OPEN PEER REVIEW

Revision (1)

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

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) — 20 Aug 2022

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

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) — 30 Aug 2022

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

Mahtab Motamed: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) — 9 Sep 2022

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) — 24 Sep 2022

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