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Peer Review Report for "An Epidemic Problem: A Commentary on Stimulant Use in Opioid Maintenance Treatment"

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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) 11 Sep 2019

Dear AE,
The letter to the editor that you have sent to me for reviewing is an important health issue in Iran.
The letter discusses the epidemic methamphetamine you in methadone treatment services in Iran.
I agree this is important and deserves discussion specially for health policy makers.
My comments are as follows:
- Change the word editor in chief to Dear Editor
- Double check your references with the format of journal for reference writing.
- Modify your title: An epidemic problem: a commentary on stimulant use in opioid maintenance treatments
Best regards
Reviewer

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) 11 Sep 2019

Dear AE,
I read the letter to the editor and I confirm that the authors have discussed an important

health problem in Iran.
The letter has very well-selected references and the letter is well-written.
I see no problems in writing or the trend of discussing the topic in the letter.
Best Wishes
Reviewer

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision (0)** 12 Sep 2019

Dear AE,
The letter to editor is a nice and important issue for health policy makers in Iran. It is a well organized letter and I accept it. Just limit your references to 10.
Best regards
Reviewer

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision (0)** 14 Sep 2019

Dear EIC,
Thanks to the author for submitting the letter to the editor in our journal.
3 reviewers have put comments on this letter.
the author should implement them and re-send to us for further consideration.
Best Regards
Associate Editor

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision (0)** 19 Sep 2019

Dear Author,
Your paper has been evaluated by external peer reviewers. Please do your revisions according to the reviewers' comments. I appreciate you to do the revisions as soon as possible by using the track changes mode in MS Word and using colored text.
Also please add the "Ethical Committee" approval code.
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.

Reviewers' Comments:

Reviewer 1:
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Reply: All of these have been done and are clear in yellow highlighted colour in the text. Thank you.

Best regards
Review
Reviewer 2:
Dear associate editor

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Reply: Thank you.

Best Wishes
Reviewer

Reviewer 3:
Dear author

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Reviewer

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REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 26 Sep 2019

Dear EIC,
Thank you very much for sending the implemented revisions to us.
I have checked all of them and they are correct.
The letter is acceptable on my side.
Kind regards
Associate Editor

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) 8 Nov 2019

Dear Author,
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.
Thank you for your fine contribution. On behalf of the Editors of IJPBS, we look forward to your continued contributions to the Journal.
Thanks.