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1 Original submission

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Referee 1 Reviewer

MAJOR REVISION 19 Aug 2023

Dear Associate Editor
1- The title of the article needs to be corrected. The title is not clear.
2- The article needs editing in terms of grammar.
3- Given that the age ranges of the patient and control groups are different, is it statistically correct to compare the two? Explain.
4- Table No. 1 is ambiguous and needs to be corrected.
5- It is better to remove table number 3 and describe it in the text of the article.
6- Explain how table number 7 relates to the article's content.
7- Table No. 10 should be removed and included in the text of the article.
8- The final conclusion should be given at the end of the article.

Referee 2 Reviewer

MINOR REVISION 31 Aug 2023

Dear Associate-Editor

I have reviewed the manuscript titled "Clinical characteristics and outcomes of COVID-19 patients with COVID-19 diabetes and hypertension". It is an interesting and well-written study. I'm sending my suggestions and comments for improving the manuscript in a Word file. The authors can use it.

Best regards

Associate Editor

MAJOR REVISION 2 Sep 2023

Dear EIC,
According to the peer reviewer of this article, a specific item needs to be corrected in the article, so the authors should make the desired corrections and submit the revised article.
Thanks.

Editor-in-Chief

MAJOR REVISION 3 Sep 2023

Dear Authors
According to the reviewers' and associate editor's comments, your article requires major revision. When revising your manuscript, please consider all issues mentioned in the reviewers' comments carefully: please outline every change made in response to their comments and submit the required files.

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Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

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Response to Reviewers

Dear Editor

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit a revised draft of the manuscript "Clinical characteristics and outcomes of COVID-19 patients with COVID-19 diabetes and hypertension" for possible publication in the Middle East Journal of Rehabilitation and Health Studies. We appreciate the time and effort that you and the reviewers dedicated to providing feedback on our manuscript and are grateful for the insightful comments on and valuable improvements to our paper. We have tried to address all your concerns. The changes are highlighted within the manuscript. Please see below, in blue, for a point-by-point response to the reviewer 1 comments and concerns.

Also, in manuscript word file, we reply reviewer 2 comments one by one (reply to reviewer).

Reviewer 1

The title of the article needs to be corrected. The title is not clear.

Thank you for pointing this out. The title was changed.

2- The article needs editing in terms of grammar.

The paper is checked again to improve its Grammar.

3- Given that the age ranges of the patient and control groups are different, is it statistically correct to compare the two? Explain?

The age range of the studied patients was wide, which can be due to the fact that hypertension and diabetes are more frequently seen in elderly people. Therefore, patients without these diseases (the control group) were younger.

These explanation were added to manuscript.

4- Table No. 1 is ambiguous and needs to be corrected.

The correction was done.

5- It is better to remove table number 3 and describe it in the text of the article.

We agree with the reviewer’s assessment. The suggested correction has been made.

6- Explain how table number 7 relates to the article's content.

Some explanation about Table.7 was added to text.

7- Table No. 10 should be removed and included in the text of the article.

As suggested by the reviewer, the correction has been made.

8- The final conclusion should be given at the end of the article.

The conclusion section was added to manuscript.

Best regards

Dr. Samaneh Arab

2 Revision 1

4 comments · 20 Oct 2023 – 21 Oct 2023

Referee 2 Reviewer

ACCEPT 20 Oct 2023

Dear Associate-Editor

I have reviewed the revised version of the manuscript titled "Clinical characteristics and outcomes of COVID-19 patients with COVID-19 diabetes and hypertension" submitted to the journal. All of my comments were considered completely by the authors.

Best

Referee 1 Reviewer

ACCEPT 21 Oct 2023

Dear Associate Editor
The corrections have been made and are acceptable.
Best Regards.

Associate Editor

ACCEPT 21 Oct 2023

Dear EIC,
The authors of the article have made the necessary corrections, and the article has been modified based on the opinions of the reviewers and brought to a level suitable for acceptance. The article is currently acceptable for publication.
Thanks

Editor-in-Chief

ACCEPT 21 Oct 2023

Dear Authors
We are pleased to inform you that your article is accepted for publication in the MEJRHS. We hope to receive other high-quality articles from your group.