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Behnam Honarvar: Reviewer | Revision (0) — 30 Jun 2020

Dear AE,
This report was read carefully, It was written incompletely and needs major revision. After revision, it may be published as a short report.
Please revise the manuscript according to the comments on the attached PDF.
Thanks

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Dear EIC,
The manuscript is studied, and there are some comments which should be addressed by the author. According to the comments, the document needs major revision.
Kind regards,

REFEREE: EIC | Revision (0) — 1 Jul 2020

Dear Author,
The reviewers' comments are mentioned. Please correct the details as mentioned above

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Dear Reviewer:

We would like to thank you for your insightful comments. We deeply appreciate your consideration for our manuscript entitled "*E-booking Websites in Iranian Governmental Healthcare Centers: A Step Towards Health Equity*".

Based on the comments of the esteemed reviewer:

- ✓ The title has been revised.
- ✓ Abstract corrected.
- ✓ The methods were completed.
- ✓ The results(Figure1) revised.
- ✓ The discussion was fundamentally revised and completed.

The changes in the revised manuscript are corrected in yellow color.

Sincerely yours,

Corresponding author

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

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

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Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.