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1 Original submission

1 comment · 24 Jan 2023

Associate Editor

MAJOR REVISION 24 Jan 2023

Dear editor
I hope you are well.
Please see the attached file with the comments.
Personally, I believe that the study design needs to be checked carefully. Also, the whole text needs to be checked for grammar.

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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.

Reply to Reviewers Letter

Dear reviewer

We thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in your journal. We appreciate the kindness of the Editor and Reviewers in helping us to improve the manuscript.

We have revised the issues brought up by the editor and reviewer, the point-by-point response can be found below. The changes in the manuscript are highlighted in yellow.

Sincerely

Comment 1: Thanks for Your comments in abstract (method) section .this section was revised.

“Amongst 1790 patients with chronic otitis media who were detected during almost 10 years, 449 suffered from cholesteatoma too.”

Comment 2: “of the surgical cases”

Thanks for your comment, I mean, amongst the surgically treated patients. This part was revised.

Comment 3:”grammar check “

Thanks for your comment. The mentioned part was revised.

Comment 4:” Please explains the lack of studies in this field that led you to do this study.”

Thanks for your comment. This part was revised and the below sentence was added.

“The progressive nature of cholesteatoma, its fatal consequence, and the lack of long term studies in Iran underline the need for a population based investigation of this disease. “

Comment 5:”cohort study”

Thanks for your suggestion. As you mentioned, our study was a cross sectional investigation.

Unfortunately, the word cohort was wrongly written.

Comment 6: “please clarify your inclusion and exclusion criteria more. “

Thanks for your comment. This part was revised and the below paragraph was added.

All patients who were included in the study had chronic otitis media with cholesteatoma with the age older than 18 years. Patients with congenital cholesteatoma, chronic otitis media without cholesteatoma, adhesive otitis media, history of head trauma, noise exposure, use of ototoxic drugs, or previous ear surgery were excluded.

Comment 7:” How did you consider this study to be a cohort”

Thanks for your suggestion. As you mentioned, our study was a cross sectional investigation.

Comment 8:”grammar check “

Thanks for your comment. The mentioned part was revised.

The participants were adult patients with the age ranged between 19 and 68 years old

Comment 9: “Grammar check and edition is necessary for whole the text.”

Thanks for your comment. The marked text was revised.

Comment 10:”grammar check “

Thanks for your comment. The mentioned part was revised.

Comment 11:

Thanks for your comment. The mentioned part was revised.

Comment 12:”was “

Thanks for your comment. The mentioned part was revised.

Comment 13”grammar check “

Thanks for your comment. The mentioned part was revised.

Comment 14: “What do you mean by significant hearing result?”

Thanks for your comment. The mentioned part was revised.

(Postoperative air-bone gap of 17.6 versus 22.5 dB, $p < 0.05$)

2 Revision 1

1 comment · 4 Apr 2023

Associate Editor

MINOR REVISION 4 Apr 2023

Dear authors
I have checked the revised version of the manuscript entitled " Clinical and surgical features of acquired middle ear cholesteatoma: a 10 years population-based study" and have the following comments.
1- The whole text needs to be checked by a native English speaker.
2- Table 1 is too long and confusing.
3- The sampling method is not explained.

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Revision 2

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

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Sincerely

Comment 1: *The whole text needs to be checked by a native speaking English.*
Response: Thanks for Your comment. The whole text was revised and the changes highlighted.

Comment 2: *The table 1 is too long and confusing.*

Response: Thanks for your comment. The table 1 was summarized.

Comment 3: *The sampling method is not explained.*

Response: Thanks for your comment. The sampling method was added and highlighted.

3 Revision 2

1 comment · 7 May 2023

Associate Editor

ACCEPT 7 May 2023

The final revised version of the manuscript has improved further.