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Hamidreza Aslani: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) — 15 Apr 2020

Dear EIC,
There are some comments which should be addressed by the author:
- Please correct the type of study design.
- Actual P-value should be mentioned.
- The references are not up to date. Use new references.
Thanks.

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Dear Associate Editor of Shiraz-E-Medical Journal

Manuscript No: 97542

Title: Diurnal corrected QT interval and QT dispersion variation in non-alcoholic cirrhotic patients: A case-control study, Iran

Thank you for your time and valuable comments. Here are answers to the comments that are highlighted in the main text too:

Comment 1: Please correct the type of study design.

Answer: Our study consisted of a case group (cirrhotics) and a control group (healthy persons), so the type of study seems to be true.

Comment 2: Actual P-value should be mentioned.

Answer: The exact P-value has been reported.

Comment 3: The references are not up to date. Use new references.

Answer: Some updated references have been replaced instead of the older ones.

Best regards

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Hamidreza Aslani: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 29 Apr 2020

Dear EIC,
The study design of this article is better change to cross sectional study.
Thanks.

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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.