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The Relationship Between Malnutrition and Liver Enzymes in Hospitalized Children in Zahedan: A Case-control Study

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1 Original submission

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Mansour Shahraki Reviewer

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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.

In the name of God

To the respected Editor-in-Chief of the Scientific Research Journal of Zahedan University of Medical Sciences

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Greetings

Respectfully, with thanks for the goodwill of your office and the respected colleagues, with reference to the article:

Manuscript ID: 102994, entitled" Evaluation of the relationship between malnutrition and liver enzymes in hospitalized children in Zahedan; A case-control study" according to your comments.

In accordance with the suggested comments of respected reviewers 1 and 2, revisions were made in the text of the article in red, the complete file of which is sent as an attachment. In addition, the responses are given separately as follows.

Reviewer 1

1- This work has been arranged relatively appropriately.

2- In the Abstract, the sample size should appear in the Methods part rather than the Results part: Done.

3- In the Results section, Table 2 is not necessary and its data are given in the text. Table 2 was deleted.

4- In Table 3, it is recommended that the correlation coefficient between the Z-score and the liver markers be reported.

The requested items have been indicated in the table and in written form in the Results section.

Reviewer 2 In Table 3, why were these correlations performed only for the case group? The same results might be observed for the controls as well. Zero P values are reported as less than one ten-thousandth. Yes, done. A correlation coefficient below one half shows a very weak relationship. Yes, the dear reviewer's opinion is respected; in the results we, too, wrote according to the P value that there is an association, and we did not refer to the strength of this association. You also used the t-test; mention its name in the statistical analysis. Yes, it has been mentioned in red in the Statistical Analysis section, and done. Tables one and two should be merged, and the P value should be reported in the last column instead of the total number. Yes, the dear reviewer's opinion is respected; given the nature of the variables mentioned in the two tables, it seems that merging these two tables is not possible.

Please write the Results section better; take help from similar articles; the tests should be performed for both groups so that the differences become clear. Done.

With respect and thanks
Dr Mansour Karajibani
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2 Revision 1

3 comments · 5 Jul 2020 – 7 Jul 2020

Hassan Mozzaffarikhosravi Reviewer

ACCEPT 5 Jul 2020

I have already reviewed this manuscript and sent our comments by email. Now I see that my comments have been addressed in the manuscript. Therefore, I think this work is suitable for publication in the journal. Thanks

Associate Editor

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Editor-in-Chief

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