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1 Original submission

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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.

Answer to dear reviewers' comments

Dear Dr. Alireza Bakhshipour

Editor-in-Chief

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Thanks for your email about our manuscript entitled as "Depression, anxiety symptoms and post-traumatic stress disorder in ICU survivors" with article ID: 109435.

All of dear reviewers' comments have been considered in the revised article. Changes have been highlighted in yellow.

The answers have been summarized in the table below.

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Thanks. With respect to dear reviewer's comment, the sentence has been changed.	When you did not have a reference for determining the sample size, hypothetical numbers cannot be used to determine the sample size. It is sufficient to state that all patients were studied over a period of six months. Please delete the .extra parts
The statistical tests have been mentioned in "Methods" and "Results" sections.	It has not been stated at all which statistical tests were used. From which tests were these P values ?obtained
P-value has been provided in Table 1.	.Please also add P values to Table 1
With respect to dear reviewer's comment, the previous Table 2 and 3 were deleted, and the important data (with significant associations) has been mentioned in "Main Text".	Instead of long tables, it is better to present only those that were significant at discharge and four weeks later, and to mention those that are not significant in terms of sex, age group and the other items only in the text. It is better to have .a better design for the tables
A new table (Table 2) has been provided to present HADS anxiety, and depression and PTSS scores at baseline and follow-up examinations.	You can present in a table the scores of the three questionnaires, which are the main part of the article and which were compared at the first time point and four weeks

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	later.
It has been provided in "Abstract".	In the abstract, the sample and sampling method should be described more completely.
The conclusion has been changed according to dear reviewer's comment.	In the abstract, the conclusion should be stated in a practical (applied) way.
It has been provided in "Background" section.	In the introduction, more of the research background and domestic studies in this field should be included.
It has been provided in "Background and objectives" section.	The aim of the research should be stated.
It has been provided.	References from the last three years should be cited and added.
"Methods" has been changed to describe more details.	In Methods: enrolled or selected? Were they volunteer?
Thanks. They have been described for the first time.	HADS and PTSS: It is used for the first time. It stands for?
It has been presented as ICU, according to dear reviewer's comment.	ICU: Why in full? Just ICU id OK. You have referred to it before.
They have been changed.	Intensive care unit and PTSD: No need. The acronym was explained in the abstract section.
The sentence has been changed.	This sentence implies that the authors have evaluated a set of disorders including depression, anxiety and PTSD, but the authors have evaluated just the three above mentioned variables. Please modify it.
All level of education has been reported in "Results".	Why referring to just high school? What about other levels?
It has been provided in "Discussion".	Discussion: In this section, a couple of studies and results has been listed by the authors and no specific comparison and discussion have

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	been developed. Considering the above-mentioned points, please make it more persuasive.
It has been provided in the revised article.	No conclusion has been developed. What about the implication of the study? Limitations? Delimitations? Any further suggestions?

Thanks for your consideration.

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Alireza Atashpanjeh Reviewer

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Revision 2

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This sentence has been changed in the abstract and main text according to dear reviewer s comment.	"There was a significant correlation between duration time of hospitalization in ICU and anxiety symptoms (p=0.002)". With what test was this statement (length of stay versus anxiety) examined? If the two variables are quantitative, the term "correlation" should be used, the correlation coefficient should also be reported, and the name of the test should be added.
The research gap and the importance of this study has been provided in the last paragraph of "Background" section.	The research gap and its importance should be stated. What was the need for conducting this research?
Thanks for your comment. All patients who were hospitalized during the study period have been included by census, and no sampling was conducted. The word enroll was changed to include.	The question is whether these patients registered voluntarily or were selected. If they registered, the word "enroll" should be used, but if they were selected, the word "select" should be used.
The conclusion section of the revised text	Is it all the conclusion? If yes, it is too short as a conclusion. if it has

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has been modified.	been added to the previous version, .it is OK

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