

March 15, 2017

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 31614-Revised manuscript.doc).

Title: Infective endocarditis and thoracic aortic disease: a review on forgotten psychological aspects

Author: Mariana Suárez Bagnasco, Iván J. Núñez Gil

Name of Journal: World Journal of Cardiology

ESPS Manuscript NO: 31614

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestion of the reviewer and editor.

Reviewer 1

*Comment: Overall, I think this is a very interesting and important review of a difficult topic. I think the focus on IE is very timely and important - and the author presents the data in a very meaningful and useful manner. I am a little concerned about how the TAD part of the manuscript is organized as it appears to jump around from cardiac surgery procedures (i.e. aortic valve) to aortic (ascending and/or descending vs arch) - which is probably reflective of the limited available data in the area. Maybe the author can help clarify this - either by re-working it or maybe even changing the focus to be more specific. Also, the title - while appropriate needs to be changed as I do not think that "psy" is an appropriate medical term in general or in a manuscript title - maybe the entire work can be spelled out?*

Response:

We change “psy” by “psychological”. We reorganized the results.

Editor comments:

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Response:

We carefully revised the manuscript according to the reviewers and editors comments. Modifications to the manuscript are highlighted in the updated version of the manuscript. All the necessary documents are provided along with the revised manuscript.

Editor comments:

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Response: The revised manuscript is updated according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision-Systematic Reviews.

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Response: The core tip was provided as an audio mp3 file.

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Response: We check the final title of the manuscript using Google Scholar and store screenshot images of the results. They are provided along with the revised manuscript.

Editor comments:

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Response: All the authors declared no conflict of interest. Biostatistics statement, conflict-of-interest statement, and data sharing statement are provided along with the revised manuscript.

Editor comments:

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Response: The revised manuscript was carefully checked for the English correction.

Editor comments:

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Response: The copyright assignment form signed by all the authors are attached as PDF file along with the revised manuscript.

In addition, corresponding author's contact information, core trip, comments, a short running title, a structured abstract, and DOI or PMID have been provided in the revised manuscript. Also, we put the reference numbers in square brackets in superscript at the end of citation content or after the cited author's name.

31614-Answering reviewers

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Editor comments:

*What is the manuscript type the authors aim for? A narrative review (but a systematic search strategy is included....), or a systematic review (then the manuscript should be restructured according to PRISMA guidelines)*

Response:

The manuscript type is a narrative review.

Editor comments:

*The abstract section is too long.*

Response:

The number of abstract words has been reduced.