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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in word format (File name: revised editorial...among diabetics)

Title: Are diabetic patients being screened for sleep related breathing disorder?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions from the reviewer

Reviewers Comments & Response:

Reviewer Comment: This was generally a well-written and timely editorial and I have only relatively minor comments to render. The Bibliography is recent and generally up-to-date. I noted that the "[Published Online First: Epub Date] categories are still blank, however...

Response: We appreciate the reviewers comment and have modified the reference category.

Reviewer Comment: Notwithstanding the recognized burden of diabetes among Hispanics by the authors, they also should point out the increased burden of both diabetes and SDB/OSA symptoms among Africa-Americans, an ethnicity affected disproportionately by both and recently reported(*Sleep-Disordered Breathing Symptoms among African-Americans in the Jackson Heart Study*. Sleep Med 2012 (Sept), 13 (8): 1039-1049.)

Response: We agree with the reviewer assessment that the risk of DM/OSA is higher among different ethnicity. I have included the African-American ethnicity along with Hispanic among the high ethnic risk.

Reviewer Specific comments:

- Misplaced word "or" in the first sentence, consider correcting as shown: "Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) is characterized by repetitive, intermittent or complete partial upper airway collapse...

Response: Corrected.

- Sentence appears to miss the word “specificity” [inserted in **bold**]: “Sensitivities range from 83.6% for STOP-BANG to 86% in the Berlin questionnaire, and **specificity** from 38.2% for ASA to 77% with Berlin questionnaire.”

Response: I thank the reviewer for his vigilance. Have corrected as suggested.

- Sentences referring to as “several studies” (“Several studies have shown an independent association between severity of OSA and insulin resistance.[1] Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) therapy on the other hand has shown improvement in insulin resistance in several studies.[25].”) quote only a single reference. Is there any way to expand the literature (or change the wording)?
- Sentence “This implies that approximately 17 million diabetic patients suffer from the metabolic syndrome.” does not immediately make sense.. please revise or explain.
- Would suggest revising last sentence to: “The author suggests an important role for the national, regional and local societies to educate the primary care practitioner and diabetes providers to make OSA screening a part of their armamentarium.”

Response: I appreciate the reviewer comment and agree with all the above comment, and have changed as suggested.

Reviewer minor comments:

- Spell out “2D gel”
- Consider using lower case letter for starting the word “Diabetes” ... also, specify to as “diabetes mellitus”

Response: Agree with the reviewer comments and have corrected as suggested.

Editorial Comments: All the editorial comments have been incorporated in the manuscript.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World journal of Diabetes

Sincerely Yours,



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