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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting study of identification risk factors for depressive symptomatology in patients with COPD. It is a well-written manuscript with adequate methodology and statistical analysis. Discussion and conclusions are relevant to the topic and references are appropriate. However there are a few points that need to be addressed: 1. In Introduction section lines 9-11 “The most common...HADS”. This statement is not justified from reference 13. Authors may use other studies to come to this conclusion e.g. Bock et al 2017, Eur Clin Resp J. 2. There are some issues regarding patients’ selection: did the authors study the files of the patients and then handed the HADS scale to them (after 2018)? Were they inpatients or outpatients? It is important to clarify the time of the completion of the scale. Were there any participants already diagnosed with depressive disorder or history of such disorder? Was anyone under antidepressants, anxiolytic or other psychiatric medication? 3. The means of HADs scores in “depressed” and “non-depressed” individuals should be reported (Table 2). If the difference is small then the clinical meaning of the results may be of reduced importance. 4. The diagnosis of depression was relied mainly on HADS (patients section line 9). Please clarify. Were they examined and interviewed by a psychiatrist? Were they given any medication? HADS is not a tool for establishing diagnosis and this should be stressed in the limitation section. Moreover it has been argued that HADS is not a reliable method of separation between symptoms of anxiety and depression and should be abandoned as measure of depression in patients with somatic diseases (Norton et al 2013, J Psychosom Res; Burns et al 2014, J Psychosom Res) Rather it is proposed as a measure of general distress. This should be clearly stressed in the limitations section.

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A well-crafted paper written in quite good English, although some times imperfect. Remarks: In your abstract, you name risk factors without saying whether high or low (i.e., low BMI, low FEV1, and high CAT). In Introduction, "somatic" hospitals makes no sense, you should put general hospitals. In Materials and Methods, exclusion criteria, did you exclude major depressive disorder comorbidity? You should state this. You should also make clear that you investigate the symptom depression, not the disorder. In describing the CAT scores, you should state that lower scores indicate less severe symptoms, with higher symptoms indicating more severe COPD pictures. In Results, "Patients' demographics are demonstrated (Table 1)" should read "Patients' demographics are shown in Table 1". Further on, "The results showed that low BMI (OR = 0.893, P < 0.05), low FEV1 (OR = 0.325, P < 0.05) and CAT score (OR = 1.111, P < 0.05) were independent risk factors for depression" should be "Low BMI (OR = 0.893, P < 0.05), low FEV1 (OR = 0.325, P < 0.05), and higher CAT score (OR = 1.111, P < 0.05) were independent risk factors for depression". In Discussion, you say that depression occurs in 7-42% of persons with COPD, citing [11], a 2005 paper. Yet, you stated both in Abstract and Introduction that it ranges 10-42%, citing [7,8] of 2001 and 2003. You should render this point consistent. In the same sentence, "up to two times often than in persons without COPD" should be "almost twice as often than in persons without COPD". In the last paragraph, you state twice that you need larger samples and multicentre studies (which is not true, as it may create other problems with intersite differences) and longitudinal designs; choose just one. In Tables, substitute >0.05 with n.s., specifying below that it means not significant.

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Why does author say the sample size is small ?

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Overall comments: This study was performed to determine the risk factors for depression in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. They concluded that BMI, FEV1, and CAT score were identified as independent risk factors for depression in patients with COPD. Basically, the study designs and methods used are appropriate, and the interpretations of the results are reasonable. However, the methodological section was somewhat inadequate. There are several areas where the manuscript needs to be strengthened. Specific comments: 1. Please give the power of data collection. 2. Flow chart of selection of the study population is suggested. 3. A statement including the reference number of the ethics committee where appropriate should appear in the manuscript. 4. From the epidemiologic viewpoint, there are many confounding factors in the evidenced-based researches. How the authors deal with associated confounding factors in this study? 5. Please show the exact p-value. 6. More discussion regarding the medical policy implications of their findings would be essential for the use of methodology in medical decision making. 7. Please consider the comparison with the other epidemiological studies in other areas using table so make clear the significance of this study. 8. The authors should add the comments related to selection bias in this study to the perceived limitation subsection. Totally, I would like to congratulate the authors for the enthusiasm invested in this study. However, the manuscript does not reach the level of quality required for publication as original research without major revision in World Journal of Psychiatry.

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Dear authors, I have a few comments on your manuscript: - Patient demographics: You write on the household income type of the patients. You use general terms like "low income", "medium income" etc. It would be interesting if you state how much US dollars a low or medium income is, and how much the average income in the country is. - Results: You have the title "The cutoff value, sensitivity, and specificity of BMI, FEV1, and CAT score for diagnosing bone metastasis". In my opinion, there should be "depression" and not "bone metastasis". - Discussion: The last part starting with "In conclusion, based on the analysis..." - the information here is duplicate with informations you give in Discussion above. You should change the text "In conclusion..." to a non-duplicate text. - Table 1: Why is the number of males so big and the number of females so small? Are there any medical or other reasons? Best regards The reviewer

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