

Dear Editor,

Following email communication with Professor Lian-Sheng Ma, we accept the publication in the World Journal of Clinical Cases, another journal of the Baishideng Publishing Group (BPG), without publishing fees.

Therefore, please find enclosed the revised manuscript entitled “Craving variations in patients with substance use disorder and gambling during the COVID-19 lockdown: the Italian experience”.

We have revised the paper according to the Reviewers’ comments.

This study was commissioned by the Italian Society of Psychiatry and conducted in association with the University “G.d’Annunzio” of Chieti-Pescara during the whole Italian lockdown phase from 03.11.2020 to 05.03.2020.

Our unexpected data, showed that craving, regardless if determined by substances or behaviors, in a period of high stressogenic potential, was globally reduced, especially in participants in inpatient units. These results open interesting discussions and prompt possible perspectives in terms of prevention strategies in substance use disorders and gambling.

This study was approved by the Institutional Review Board of the Department of Neuroscience, Imaging, and Clinical Sciences of the University G.d’Annunzio of Chieti-Pescara (Prot. 042/2020) and fully complied with the guidelines of the local Ethical Committee.

Best Regards.

Prof. Massimo di Giannantonio - President of the Italian Society of Psychiatry

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Answering reviewers of re-review

We revised our paper according to the indications and comments of the reviewers. We upload the most updated version of the article with Appendix A, B, C and D.

Best Regards.

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