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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This cross-sectional study aimed to evaluate the association between depression and malnutrition in patients with pulmonary tuberculosis. This topic is very important; however, some issues should be addressed. Comments: - Abstract should be summarized. The results need to be rewritten according to APA. Add your message and future recommendations in the conclusion. - The introduction does not cover all elements of the study. It should be clear if other studies were conducted previously. Could you state the gap in the literature and why the study is important? Add the hypothesis of the study. - How did you calculate the sample size? Could you state the reason for withdrawal if any? and the numbers - For PHQ-9 and QoL, how did you achieve reliability and validity? - How and who administrates the data collected during the study period. - The discussion is very short and needs some revisions. Kindly rewrite and reframe it along the following lines: i. Main findings of the present study ii. Comparison with other studies iii. Implication and explanation of findings iv. Strengths and limitations v. Conclusion, recommendation and future direction. - The conclusion should be concise.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Abstract: - Add detailed data about the participants. - The conclusion should be precise. Add the future directions. Introduction: - This section cannot cover all the elements of the study. - Define "Pulmonary tuberculosis" in detail. - Explain the measured variables. - The significance of the study needs more details. - Add the hypothesis of the study. Methods: - The study design, ethics, and setting are not clear. - How and who administrates the data collection? - How did you achieve the validity and reliability of the outcome measures? - For statistical analysis, explain all methods used in detail and add the software used. - Please, re-frame the components (SPICES) for methods i. Study design, setting, sample size ii. Participants iii. Issue of interest (exposure) iv. Comparison v. Ethics and endpoint vi. Statistical analysis - What were the eligibility criteria for participants? - Mention the settings and locations where the data were collected. - How was the sample size determined?