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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

World Journal of Psychiatry Health-care needs of remitted patients with bipolar disorder: a comparison with schizophrenia This is a well-designed study that evaluated health-care needs, functioning and quality of life in assessed in 150 Indian outpatients with remitted bipolar disorder (BD) and 75 with remitted schizophrenia. The results of the study showed a high number of needs in BD; economic, welfare and information needs were mostly unmet. There were some differences between diagnoses and total, met and unmet needs were significantly higher for schizophrenia, but the pattern of needs was similar to BD. As opposed to patients, relatives reported more needs than patients with differences in the types of needs. Patient-functioning, residual symptoms and quality of life were associated with higher needs. Unmet needs in remitted patients with BD were indicative of the enduring psychosocial impairment during remission. The study should be accepted for publication after a minor revision, since there are only a few corrections that need to be done and accepted. Minor comments: Abstract, Methods section: Please correct or reformulate this statement into:“ To evaluate health-care needs, we felt that an additional instrument was more



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relevant for Indian patients and treatment-settings, which was designed to cover those areas of needs not specifically covered by the CAN-R." CORE TIPS: please correct "was" into " were" in this sentence. "Unmet needs in remitted patients with BD were indicative of the enduring psychosocial impairment during remission" Discussion page 15, line 3: please delete "the" and correct this into: "The additional evaluation also confirmed that economic, welfare and information needs are the ones most likely to remain unmet. " Discussion page 18, second paragraph Correlates of health-care needs, please delete "of" in this sentence "The level of patient-functioning emerged as the single most important correlate of health-care needs, particularly unmet needs among both patient groups." Last sentence in Conclusion, please add "to" in.." Though examination of health-care needs in BD remains a priority area for further research, it is equally important for future studies to incorporate the socio-cultural context while examining health-care needs, since this appears to be the appropriate way to improve the treatment and outcome of BD.?



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Dear authors, I have only a few comments on your manuscript: In the Conclusions, you write about limitations and highlights of your results. This should be rather stated in the Discussion. Otherwise, the manuscript is O.K. in my opinion. Best regards The reviewer



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Review comments Title: Health-care needs of remitted patients with bipolar disorder: a comparison with schizophrenia This study investigated the health-care needs in bipolar disorder (BD) in remitted condition, and the health-care needs observed in BD patients were compared with those of patients with schizophrenia/ The manuscript is relatively well-written and easy to follow. Here are some comments 1. Abstract: The abstract is hard to understand. Please re-write the abstract more succinctly. 2. Introduction: Please describe the purposes of this study in detail, and what kind of new information about the health-care needs in BD patients the results of this study would provide. 3. Materials and Methods: (1) Participants: The numbers of participants included in BD and schizophrenia groups should be described. (2) Analysis: Is there any special reason both Person and Spearman correlation used in this study? 4. Discussion: Please describe what kind of new information this study provide about the health-care needs of BD patients in remitted condition, and how the present results could be used to meet the needs of BD patients.



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A well-written and valuable article that gives a Picture of the needs that these patients have that are unmet. Whether or not these needs are possible to generalize to other Cultures are not clear but the mediating factors (poor functioning, residual symptoms etcetera) are probably similar. I have only one comment - if the schizophrenia patients were in remission (>3 on any PANSS item) they should not have residual psychotic symptoms.