

Psychiatric disorders and pain: the recurrence of a comorbidity

Reply to reviewers

Dear Sir,

Please accept my best wishes.

I have gone through the mindful suggestions of the reviewers, and have made several changes to the manuscript, as explained below.

Review1:

This is an opinion paper about psychiatric disorder and pain. The study is read-worthy but I think that it is too long, particularly the part about the historical approach. Also, it does not add anything new to the existing literature, the abstract do not reflect the work described in the manuscript and it seems to be just a "philosophical" discussion about pain. Instead of extensively discussing all the historical aspects of pain, the author should focus on the interesting point in the manuscript (firstly, the necessity to not separate the presence of the pain from the background mental disorders); this point deserve extensive discussion, but other aspects should be just summarized.

Many thanks for the mindful suggestions; I have edited entirely and shortened the first part of the manuscript, which serves as an introduction. With some sentences removed, if deemed necessary, we can also remove the figure from Descartes illustration; albeit I would like this part to stand as it is. I have added an entire paragraph (end of the manuscript) dedicated entirely to the issue of pain co-occurrence with psychiatric disorders, as suggested from the second reviewer [highlighted in color]. The historical approach I emphasized at the first part of the manuscript might be of interest before going into the discussion of pain etc.

Review2:

The idea of the manuscript is interesting. However, it is missing the main idea throughout the description. The general description is about pain without exploring psychiatric comorbidity. Only the last part is about the title and abstract. If possible, the reviewer suggests the inclusion of another paragraph exclusive to the theme "Psychiatric disorders and pain". How was pain assessed in these individuals throughout time? Could pain lead to psychiatric comorbidities and vice-versa?

Many thanks; I have added accordingly an entire paragraph [highlighted in color] and several references dealing with the suggestions you have raised. Furthermore, English native editors have revised the manuscript in the present version; I hope this helped to increase the quality.

Review3:

Dear author, Greetings of the day, you have a nice opinion paper which deserve to be published. best wishes

My sincere thanks for the appreciation you have done to my work; regards.

Many thanks,
Gentian Vyshka MD, PhD.

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