

The role of health-related quality of life in improving cancer outcome

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Dear author(s),

Reviewers have submitted their critical appraisal of your paper. The reviewers' comments are attached to this decision letter as a separate Word document. Based on their comments and evaluation by the editorial board, your work was FOUND SUITABLE FOR PUBLICATION AFTER MINOR REVISION.

If you decide to revise the work, please itemize the reviewers' comments and provide a point-by-point response to every comment. An exemplary rebuttal letter can be found on at <http://www.jctres.com/en/author-guidelines/> under "Manuscript preparation." Also, please use the track changes function in the original document so that the reviewers can easily verify your responses.

Your revision is due by Mar 29, 2023.

To submit a revision, go to <https://www.editorialmanager.com/jctres/> and log in as an Author. You will see a menu item call Submission Needing Revision. You will find your submission record there.

Yours sincerely,

Michal Heger
Editor-in-Chief
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Reviewers' comments:

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Authors' response

This is a very good manuscript emphasizing health related quality of life (HRQoL) which is forgotten in our "assembly line medicine / pill medicine".

Dear Reviewer, we acknowledge your time to review our manuscript, your suggestions and your comments.

Following are my comments:

- In section "*given the importance of HRQoL: why are we not leveraging them?*" and section "*conclusion*" you have mentioned physician related hurdles (i.e time restraints and lack of training etc) and also patient related hurdles to incorporating HRQoL in medicine. You have missed another very important barrier to incorporating HRQoL, and that is "*insurance / billing related hurdles*" which is a big part (i.e. the third pillar) of current day American medicine. Even if doctors make time for incorporating HRQoL, the insurance will not pay for it. The corporate office of the health system will discourage the doctor from going that route. This has to be mandated by the federal government on the public and private insurance companies to pay for incorporating HRQoL. Only then it can be possible. So please include this insurance barrier to the above mentioned two sections and also propose the above mentioned solution (government mandating insurances to cover HRQoL related efforts).

“Medical practitioners often face overwhelming administrative duties and high workloads, leading to alarming burnout. By connecting additional financial compensation with adequate patient outcomes monitoring, we can incentivize physicians to prioritize the quality of care over the number of patients in their care. Insurance companies should cover the costs associated with collecting data related to HRQoL (health-related quality of life), ultimately

saving insurers money through healthier customers and actionable data for proactive patient prevention strategies.”

- lines 56 - 58 needs clarification, what you mean by "*some clinicians may also perceive patient burden associated with completing questionnaires or surveys related to HRQoL, resulting in a decreased willingness to collect this information*". Please reword it.

Thank you, I eliminated that ambiguous sentence.

Once again, thank you so much for your perspective, comments, and collaboration to improve the quality of our manuscript.

Best regards,

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Dear authors,

I am pleased to inform you that your manuscript has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Clinical and Translational Research.

You will receive the proofs of your article shortly, which we kindly ask you to thoroughly review for any errors.

Please notify our assistant editor/production editor when you receive the proofs if your article should belong to a special issue specifying the issue's title.

Thank you for submitting your work to JCTR.

Kindest regards,

Michal Heger
Editor-in-Chief
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Comments from the editors and reviewers: