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Title: The relationship between health literacy and multimorbidity in a primary care setting

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To the editor,

On behalf of my colleagues and myself, I am pleased to submit our manuscript entitled “The relationship between health literacy and multimorbidity in a primary care setting” for publication in the BMC Family Practice.

A low level of health literacy has been linked to several health outcomes including poorer knowledge of their health problems, poorer health status, higher hospitalization rates, problems with the use of preventive services, delayed diagnoses, and all-cause mortality. On the other hand, multimorbidity has also been linked to poor health outcomes such as difficult self-care, more complications, longer hospitalisation, and higher rates of mortality. The possible association between health literacy and multimorbidity has not yet been explored.

To our knowledge, ours is the first study to evaluate the relationship between health literacy and multimorbidity while controlling for potential confounder in a primary care setting. The results of the study suggest that there is no relationship between health literacy and multimorbidity when controlling for age and family income.

The submitted article has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. We report no conflict of interest.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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