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Title: Health-related quality of life in epilepsy adults: the effect of age-related factors in a multicentric Italian study

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Melissa Norton,
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Dear Dr. Norton,


We would be grateful if you could consider it for publication in BMC Neurology, as a Research article.

This paper addresses the role of age-related factors (i.e., age, age at seizure onset and epilepsy duration) on health-related quality of life in an Italian multicentric study on epilepsy adults based on one of the first specific validated questionnaires elaborated in Italy for adult epilepsy patients. To our knowledge, information on this topic was quite scattered and only one study was published on this issue. Moreover, we adopted a very robust statistical approach for the problem. This work supports the conclusion of a limited role of age-related factors as determinants of health-related quality of life. In the unadjusted models, age and duration of epilepsy have a generally significant negative effect on health-related quality of life, whereas age at onset has a positive effect of borderline significance. However, when other correlates of the overall score are considered in the regression models, any significant effect of the age-related factors disappears.

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Thank you for your attention. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

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