MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS

The title of this article is 'Exploring health-related quality of life in eating disorders by a cross-sectional study and a systematic review'

OVER ALL: This is a very interesting and relevant article.

Most articles however start with a review of the relevant research literature before they present the empirical research.

In this article this order is reversed. A suggestion might be to change the order: first present the review of the literature and then present the empirical study.

TABLES

In all tables (1a, 1b abd 2) you present the subgroups of EDs. You start with BN and then mention AN followed by BED and EDNOS. However it might be more logical to start with the AN subgroup, followed by BN, BED and EDNOS. (see my suggestion below in table 1b)

Table 1b: Socio-demographic and clinical characteristics of ED patients: categorical variables

TABLE 1B IS DIFFICULT TO READ, because several numbers are presented in one line meaning different things.

Also the percentages are missing, which make it difficult to compare the numbers of the subgroups.

My suggestion for correction is presented below and worked out only for the AN group as an example.

Table 1b: Socio-demographic and clinical characteristics of ED patients: categorical variables

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yes 7 ( %)
no 26 ( %)

Marital status
unmarried 29 ( %)
marrried or coupled 3 ( %)
diverced or separated 1 ( %)

Etcetera

This way of presenting table 1b make it much easier to compare the subgroups!.

QUESTION:
The number of BED patients is only 7: is this enough for a statistical analysis?

RESULTS;
HRQOL SCORES (PAGE 7)

It migth be interesting and relevant to describe here whether the HRqol scores were significant for the several weight groups (BMI groups): under weight, normal weight, overweigth and obese.

This question is relevant because the BMI of the AN group is quite low (15.97 = underweight) and the BMI of the BED is quite high 32.40 (SD 8.26!) which means overweight or even obesity.

Higher weight of the BED might explain their poorer quality of life (see also the second * point in the discussion (page 10).

LANGUAGE
On several places you write: an history: might that be : a history? (please check the language here).

Reviewer’s report

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