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Title: Comparison of self-reported pain intensity, sleeping difficulty, and treatment outcomes of patients with myofascial temporomandibular disorders by age group: A prospective outcome study

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Dear Dr. Wluka:

I, along with my coauthors, would like to submit our manuscript entitled “Comparison of self-reported pain intensity, sleeping difficulty, and treatment outcomes of patients with myofascial temporomandibular disorders by age group: A prospective outcome study” for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders as an original research article.

The paper describes a prospective study comparing self-reported pain intensity, sleeping difficulty, and treatment outcomes of patients with myofascial temporomandibular disorders among three age groups. We found that pain intensity does not differ by age group, but older patients suffer greater sleeping difficulty and have better treatment outcomes than young patients.

Our study shows that myofascial pain is not self-limiting but involves risks of recurrence and chronicity, so clinicians should pay particular attention to young patients with myofascial temporomandibular disorders complaining of high-intensity pain. We believe that the findings are relevant to the scope of your journal and will be of interest to its readership.

This manuscript has not been published or presented elsewhere, in part or in entirety, and is not under consideration by another journal. All the study participants provided informed consent, and the study design was approved by
the appropriate ethics review board. Further, all the authors have approved the manuscript and its submission to your esteemed journal. There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

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

Sincerely,

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