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Title: Psychological distress as predictor of quality of life in men experiencing infertility: a cross-sectional survey

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We are glad to submit the paper titled "Psychological distress as predictor of quality of life in men experiencing infertility: a cross-sectional survey" to be reviewed as an original article. The central topic of this study is the exam of depression and anxiety as predictors of quality of life in men experiencing infertility. Although the experience of infertility and its repercussion has been extensively examined in women samples and in many different settings, it has not been the same for men groups. The psychosocial aspects of infertility in men have not been well known up to the present. The current article explores predictors of quality of life in a male clinical sample and, additionally, it tests the hypothesis that psychological distress plays an important role on men’s quality of life. Our paper shows that even mild levels of depression and anxiety play a role in decreasing quality of life, and thus should be addressed by clinicians.

The manuscript has 3418 words. Authors state that the material has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. All the human data included in this study was obtained in compliance with regulations of the Hospital de Clinicas de Porto Alegre, Brazil (Ethics Committee approval number 01.374), which follows the Helsinki declaration of 1975, as revised in 1983.

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We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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