Reviewer’s report

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

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An interesting paper with focus on men’s experience of infertility.

Inclusion criteria in the study are wide, but further in the paper exclusion criteria are mentioned. It’s better with early knowing (Minor).

In the paragraph of results there is statistical presentations and discussions, to improve the paper this presentations should be seen in the paragraph of methods so that more can be focused on the results of the study (Major).

A better structure in the paper will improve the manuscript and made it easier for the readers (Major).

Table I presents socio-economic characteristics, results from BDI, BAI and QOL, total and with four domains. The results from SF 36 is not presented here, missing? (Minor)

Some short words of the meaning of the classification (A, B, C, D) of the Socio-Economic Status could be added (Discretionary).

The subjective perception of infertility etiology and the medical records did not differ, this is interesting. Is this performed to validate? If so, I think you should present it in the design (Minor).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.