Author’s response to reviews

Title: Uncompleted emergency department care and discharge against medical advice in patients with neurological complaints: a chart review.

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To whom it may concern.

Dear Sir/Madam,

we hereby submit our manuscript titled "Discharge against medical advice and premature leave of neurological patients from an interdisciplinary emergency department: a retrospective observational study" for consideration for publication in BMC Emergency Medicine.

Please find below a point-by-point response to Reviewers' comments (referring to communication by email from May 02 2019):

1. In order to help protect participant anonymity, please limit the identifiable information presented in Table 2. A good way to do this is to present the age of the participant as a range (e.g. 20's-30's)

   We ask this, as it is BioMed Central policy to not publish more than 2 indirect identifiers (age, sex, profession, etc.) without explicit consent for publication from the participants.

   Our response:
   Thank you for drawing our attention to this issue. Table 2 has been modified to be in accordance with BMC's policy regarding patient anonymity, patients' age was replaced by age ranges as suggested.

2. Please add a “Conclusions” section after the “Discussion” section. This should state clearly the main conclusions of the research article and give a clear explanation of their importance and relevance.

   Our response:
   A "Conclusions" section was added after the "Discussion".
3. Please acknowledge anyone who contributed towards the article who does not meet the criteria for authorship including anyone who provided professional writing services or materials. Authors should obtain permission to acknowledge from all those mentioned in the Acknowledgements section. If there are no acknowledgements, please state “Not applicable”.

Our response:

An "Acknowledgements" section was added with the appropriate statement.

4. Please rename 'Ethics approval' heading to 'Ethics approval and consent to participate'.

The section "Ethics approval" was renamed as required to "Ethics approval and consent to participate".

We hope to have met all requirements so that you see the manuscript fit for peer review. We hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards, Carolin Hoyer