Author’s response to reviews

Title: Chronic complications and quality of life of patients living with sickle cell disease and receiving care in three hospitals in Cameroon: a cross-sectional study

Authors:

Anne Andong (anneandong@yahoo.com)
Eveline Ngouadjeu (ngouadjeu@yahoo.fr)
Cavin Bekolo (cavinep@yahoo.co.uk)
Vincent Verla (verlanaesthesia@yahoo.com)
Daniel Nebongo (dnebongo@gmail.com)
Yannick Mboe-Djieka (djieka.yannick@gmail.com)
Simeon-Pierre Choukem (schoukem@gmail.com)

Version: 3 Date: 01 Apr 2017

Author’s response to reviews:

Manuscript ID: BHEM-D-16-00029R2

To the Editor-in-chief,

BMC Hematology

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity given to revise our manuscript entitled, “Chronic complications and quality of life of patients living with sickle cell disease and receiving care in three hospitals in Cameroon: a cross-sectional study”. I am writing to submit the new revised version for consideration for publication in BMC Hematology.

We are grateful to the editor for raising the minor revisions, which we have now addressed.

We hope that you will find this new revised version suitable for publication.
Yours, Sincerely

On behalf of all co-authors
Simeon-Pierre Choukem, MD
E-mail: schoukem@gmail.com

Responses to editor’s comments

Editor Comments:

1) Please ensure that your paper is copyedited to improve clarity and understanding

We have read and copyedited the manuscript to improve its understanding.

2) Please clarify if you obtained permission from all 3 hospitals to carry out the study. Did 'Institutional Review Board of the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Buea' act as the over arching ethics committee and had the right to approve the study in at all the sites the study took place in?

Yes, as stated in the corresponding paragraph of the methods, authorizations to conduct the study were obtained from the South-West and Littoral Regional Delegations of Health and from the Directors of the three study hospitals. This study was an MD thesis and was approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the faculty. It is a tradition that once such a study is approved by the IRB of the faculty of origin and has received authorizations from regional delegations, hospitals’ authorities grant administrative authorizations after careful examination by their own scientific board, because they do not have specific IRBs.

Thank you