Author’s response to reviews

Title: Quality of life in hemodialysis diabetic patients: A multicenter cross-sectional study from Palestine

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Dear editor

Editor-in-Chief

Hope this finds you well

Re: Revised Manuscript Submission (Manuscript ID: BNEP-D-17-00552R1))

We would like to thank you and all the reviewers for your time and insightful and qualified comments after reviewing our manuscript titled “Quality of life in hemodialysis diabetic patients: A multicenter cross-sectional study from Palestine”. We wish to thank editor and reviewers again for their time in commenting on the draft manuscript, which we believe has strengthened the paper.

Our responses to the comments are yellow – highlighted in the revised manuscript. We carefully addressed all the comments of the reviewers. A point by point reply to the comments is given below. We hope that we appropriately addressed all comments.

We look forward to your and the reviewers’ comments on the manuscript and hope that the manuscript is given favorable consideration for publication in BMC Nephrology

Yours sincerely

Sa’ed Zyoud
Reviewer reports:

(Reviewer 1): Antonio Bellasi

I have read with interest the paper entitled "Quality of life in hemodialysis diabetic patients: A multicenter cross-sectional study from Palestine" (reference number BNEP-D-17-00552R1 )

Overall the study is well planned and executed. The paper is of high quality in light of the methodology utilized to investigate the research question.

Comments:

- Although it is not the aim of the study, since authors utilize a novel questionnaire (EQ-5D-5L), it is opinion of the reviewer that the absence of control groups (i.e. diabetic patients not on maintenance dialysis and non-diabetic patients on maintenance dialysis) limits the interpretation of the disease burden on quality of life that should be mentioned in the discussion of the paper.

Response: I would like to thank you for the positive impression and comments that you gave to this article and thank you for your assessment of the importance of the article. Thank you very much for all comments. They are greatly appreciated. We added it to limitations in the discussions as you recommended (Page 14 Line 3)

(Reviewer 2) Siribha Changsirikulchai, M.D.: Suggest the authors to add supplement document in 5-level EuroQoL Group's 5-dimension (EQ-5D-5L) questionnaire and EQ visual analogue scale (EQ-VAS). These will help reader to understand.

Response: I would like to thank you for the positive impression and comments that you gave to this article and thank you for your assessment of the importance of the article. They are greatly appreciated. We added it as additional file as you recommended (Page 7 Line 15)