Reviewer’s report

Title: Social-Economic Analysis of Patients with Sjogren’s Syndrome Dry Eye in East China: a cross-sectional study

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This article investigated the medical cost and parameters of dry eye in Sjogren's syndrome dry eye (SSDE) and non-Sjogren's syndrome dry eye (non-SSDE) patients, and concluded that medical expense had a significantly correlation with psychological status and clinical severity in SSDE patients. The authors provided a novel view of SSDE and reached a meaningful conclusion and the article is worth to be published. However, major revision is still needed to reach the publishing criteria.

1. The introduction part is quite redundant and off the theme. The authors should talk more about the difference between SSDE and non-SSDE, the economic burden and related psychological impact, rather than the causes of DE.

2. The Methods part is confusing and obscure. There is no clear definition of study and control group. The authors should make clear of the sources of SSDE and non-SSDE patients and described two groups separately instead of mixing them up. And the authors don't have to list the OSDI questionnaire, which is widely used and accepted. Instead, they should talk more about their own designed questionnaire.

3. The authors should also avoid repeating too many numbers from tables to make the Results part more concise. Also the numbers in the tables should be presented more scientifically according to the distribution of data. And the statistic analysis method should be clarified in the table footnote.

4. The authors should also be more cautious about citing references. In page 13, line 233, the authors mentioned that "Many studies had been confirming…and DE", but they only cite one study and the only cited reference is Corrigendum. I really doubt whether the authors check the paper they cited.

5. Finally, it will be necessary for the authors to have the paper carefully edited by native speakers for proper English usage.

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