Reviewer’s report

Title: OBSERVATIONAL STUDY OF PATIENTS IN SPAIN WITH AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS: CORRELATIONS BETWEEN CLINICAL STATUS, QUALITY OF LIFE, AND DIGNITY

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This study aimed to study the impact in quality of life and dignity of life in patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and their evolution along the duration of the disease. The authors found significant differences in the quality and dignity of life scales between amyotrophic lateral sclerosis patients and healthy controls. Statistically significant declines in clinical status and quality of life were observed in the amyotrophic lateral sclerosis cohort during the three-month period with no decline in dignity of life. The authors concluded that ALS is a neurodegenerative disease that has an impact on quality and dignity of life.

Abstract

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