Reviewer’s report

Title: THE USE OF LATIN TERMINOLOGY IN MEDICAL CASE REPORTS: QUANTITATIVE, STRUCTURAL AND THEMATIC ANALYSIS

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I emphasize this recommendation. Please pay attention to the following comments, and on future version, include a detailed response to each of the comments (by number), showing what have been changed or added, into the text or on an additional document.

1. - Background should be orientated about the relevance of the article. Pay attention to previous commentary: "2.- The influence of latin terms in medical terminology is important. Authors should include an explanation of which kind of articles include more latin terms and why. If we consider article is focused on an exclusive type of publication, distinguish between them is important. Inside original articles, basic science articles use more latin terms, specially related to animals and plants name, as infectious disease primary and secondary articles. This wide range of latin terms should be included on BACKGROUND so it can support the relevance of this article."

Authors included "The use of Latin in MCRs is due to the fact that this genre presents a detailed report of diseases and their symptoms, diagnosis and treatment." Author need to present the conceptual framework to understand the relevance of the manuscript.

2. - Methods Ok

3. - Results Ok

Discussion:

Discussion should be "discussed". Pharagraphs should be discussed, not just reported.

4. - What is the relevance of Latin terms in methods of studies and experiments, or anatomy description? Consider that Latin terms in anatomy description have several articles and comments in Pubmed journals. Review them and use it for the discussion. This journal is read by physician, so content should be relevant for they practice.

5. - What is the relevance of include latin terms in "indications to treatment"? Day to day clinical work, include several Latin terms like authors reported: NPO, PRN,etc. These terms
are relevant and widely used in different languages (Spanish, English, and others), even when they know the meaning but not the origin or adequate writing. Discuss it

6. - Why latin terms are so relevant in "Academic language"? Idem (discuss it)

7. - Why latin terms are so relevant in "pathological conditions"? Why still we use eponyms?

8. - What is the relevance of one/two/three words Latin terms use in clinical practice and research reporting. Idem, discuss it.

9. - Complete more references. Check Dr. Neumann articles about anatomical Latin terms. In addition, review more information about the topic in relevant databases like Pubmed/medline, Scopus or Google Scholar.

10. - If it's possible (based on section editor/editorial comittee approval), I suggest authors, should include an appendix table list of Latin terms: mistakes and adequate terms (how was reported/found in JMCR, how should be adequately written, and what is the meaning), for all Latin terms found in the present article. This will be relevant for the article visibility.

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