

Corrigendum to: Determinants of Health-related Quality of Life in Breast Cancer Patients: A Comprehensive Study in Marrakech, Morocco



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On the request of the authors, the percentage sign (%) has been deleted in the **Abstract** and **Discussion** sections and a revision made in the section **Quality of Life Scale Scores** in the article, titled “**Determinants of Health-related Quality of Life in Breast Cancer Patients: A Comprehensive Study in Marrakech, Morocco**,” published in “The Open Public Health Journal,” 2024; 17: e18749445317154 [1].

The corrections do not affect the results, interpretations, or conclusions of the article.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused and appreciate the opportunity to rectify this matter.

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Details of the error and its correction are provided here.

Original

The mean score for overall health (QoL) was 60.4%. For the functional subscales of QOL-C30, the highest score was social functioning at 85.8%, followed by cognitive functioning at 76.6%, then physical at 72.4%, and lastly, role functioning at a rate of 71.7%, and the lowest score was emotional functioning with a rate of 70.4%. As for the symptom subscales, the highest score was for fatigue (31%), followed by pain (29.2%), and then lack of appetite

(27.11%). The highest score was financial difficulties at 42.72% (Table 2).

In the BR23 functional scale, the most affected functional scale was the future perspective, with a percentage of 25.30%, followed by body image at 13.79%. Among the 146 sexually active patients, 14.4% expressed the physical and physiological capacity to engage in normal sex-ual activity, and 12.8% were satisfied with this activity (sexual pleasure). Regarding symptom scales, they ranged from 20.4% to 61.6%, with the most concerning symptom being “systemic treatment of side effects” at a rate of 61.6%.

Corrected

The mean global health status/quality of life (QoL) score was 60.4 ± 25.0 . Regarding the functional scales of the EORTC QLQ-C30, the highest score was observed for social functioning (85.8 ± 28.1), followed by cognitive functioning (76.6 ± 28.5) and physical functioning (72.4 ± 26.9). Role functioning showed a mean score of 71.7 ± 30.5 , whereas the lowest score was reported for emotional functioning (70.4 ± 29.9). With respect to the symptom scales, fatigue had the highest mean score (31.0 ± 28.1), followed by pain (29.2 ± 30.1) and loss of appetite (27.1 ± 33.5). The highest symptom burden was related to financial difficulties, with a mean score of 42.7 ± 33.0 (Table 2). Concerning the functional scales of the EORTC QLQBR23, future perspective demonstrated the highest

mean score (74.7 ± 30.1), whereas body image appeared to be the most impaired dimension, with a mean score of 86.1 ± 21.8 . Among the 146 sexually active patients, sexual functioning was markedly impaired, with low mean scores for sexual activity (14.4 ± 16.6) and sexual enjoyment (12.8 ± 19.7). Regarding the symptom scales, scores ranged from 20.4 ± 20.0 to 61.6 ± 41.9 , with hair loss being the most prominent symptom (61.6 ± 41.9) (Table 2).

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