

Review of: "The Effect of Visual Arts Educative Practices on Social Functionality in Patients With Schizophrenia"

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

Dear Editor,

While I think that the study will contribute to the literature, I would like to provide some general suggestions:

Introduction: It is recommended to emphasize the importance of the study with relevant current research data on the topic. The introduction contains much-repeated information, so supporting it with meta-analyses and evidence-based studies in this section would be beneficial.

Method: Is the study experimental or quasi-experimental? There is conflicting information about this in different parts of the research.

Were participants included in the research group after being part of the pilot application? More detailed information on this would be helpful. Was art therapy applied to the control group after the study? Ethically, this is crucial, and further details on how the study group was selected and how patient safety was ensured should be provided. Is there any explanation given for other patients outside the experimental group?

Was there collaboration with the healthcare team at the community mental health center? A brief explanation in this regard would be beneficial. Some data in the data analysis section (such as the application program, etc.) might be better placed in the "Process and Application" section.

In summary, it would be beneficial to organize the subheadings in the method section more systematically and avoid redundancy in the information.

Discussion: Although striking data have been obtained, the discussion seems inadequate due to the lack of current data. It would be beneficial to review studies where art therapy has been applied to individuals diagnosed with psychiatric disorders (especially schizophrenic) in national and international literature and discuss your results.

Suggestion: It would be helpful to provide specific recommendations based on the diagnosis group, the site of the study, and the healthcare team in the department.

I hope that the provided suggestions will contribute to the study. I wish success to the research team.

Yours sincerely,

