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RE: Manuscript Number ONG-19-91

Barriers to Third-Line Therapy: A Patient-Centered Approach to Refractory Overactive Bladder

Dear Dr. Davenport:

Your manuscript has been reviewed by the Editorial Board and by special expert referees. Although it is judged not acceptable for publication in Obstetrics & Gynecology in its present form, we would be willing to give further consideration to a revised version.

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#### REVIEWER COMMENTS:

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#### Minor issues:

3. Title: the current manuscript did not discuss anything about "patient-centered approach"; it focused on patients' perspective/experience.
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7. General Concerns
  - a. It would have been very helpful to have some measure of prevalence of reported issues identified within each theme.
  - b. Since explicit guidelines for determining theoretical saturation are lacking, a better explanation of how you achieved saturation is needed.
  - c. Prior treatment experiences should have been portrayed.

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2. Table 1: Should clarify that the characteristics are formatted as median(range) or as n(proportion) or re-formatting as n(%). Should include the total N of 30.

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## Reviewer Comment Responses

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*The authors agree and feel that the study was more exploring the decision-making process in women who did not pursue third-line therapies. We have included interview questions that were used to collect data and support this as Table 4. (Page 3, line 48; Page 6, lines 125, 133-134; Page 12, line 342, 345; Table 4)*

- b. I would recommend the authors to reconsider their qualitative methodology.
      - i. The current study goal was a "What" question. However, Grounded Theory is commonly used to investigate "How" questions.

*The authors agree with this comment based upon the way the objective of the study was initially worded. After review of the methodology and interview questions, we feel that this study was more an exploration of the decision-making process ("how") rather than solely identifying barriers ("what"). We have reworded the objective to reflect this change. We do feel that barriers to care arose emergently during data analysis and aid in conceptualization of the study's findings. We therefore have not removed all use of the word "barriers" from the manuscript. We included the lines where we changed the terminology in our answer to comment 1. a. (Page 3, line 48; Page 6, lines 125, 133-134; Page 12, line 342, 345; Table 4)*

- ii. Based on the current description, this study did not fully meet the criteria of Ethnography. Additionally, it is not common that two different types of qualitative study designs (e.g. grounded theory and ethnography) are used in a single study.

*The authors agree with this comment and do not feel that the study was ethnographic in nature. We have removed references to ethnography rather than grounded theory from the Introduction and Materials and Methods portion of the manuscript. (Page 6, lines 121, 128)*

2. Data analysis and interpretation:
  - a. The authors need to provide a systematic full description of their data analysis. Since current study used theoretical saturation that is commonly related to the grounded theory, the authors are suggested to clearly specify the inclusion criteria and the sampling approach, which are important for judging the theoretical saturation.

*The authors have edited the Materials and Methods section to more clearly describe inclusion, exclusion criteria, and sampling approach. We have also created Table 2 Inclusion and exclusion criteria for ease of reference. The final paragraph of the Materials and Methods section has also been modified to more clearly describe the coding process and method of achieving theoretical saturation. (Page 6-7, lines 135-164, 170-180; Table 2)*

b. The authors need to provide following information to help readers understand their findings:

i. The total number of patient who completed the interview;

*The authors have added this information on Page 8. The total number of patients who completed the interview was 30 and this was also when theoretical saturation was achieved. (Page 8, lines 218-219)*

ii. Coding framework (that should support the study goal) and definition of each theme;

*The authors agree that adding a table with the major themes and examples of sub-themes used in our coding framework would add clarity to our analysis. We have added Table 5 and modified Table 6 with this information.*

iii. Frequency of each theme.

*The authors agree this information is useful for data interpretation and have embedded the frequency of themes into the written description of the themes throughout the Results section. (Page 8, lines 225-229; Page 9, lines 246-247, 260, 263-264; Page 10, lines 273-274, 277, 284, 293, 295; Page 11, lines 308, 312, 314, 323, 329)*

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3. Title: the current manuscript did not discuss anything about "patient-centered approach"; it focused on patients' perspective/experience.

*The authors feel that the heart of the manuscript is a refocus on a patient-centered standard of care and early education. Table 7 describes ways physicians can refocus on education and patient goals. We have added a statement to the Conclusions section of the manuscript which reflects the recommendations in Table 7 and supports our desire not to change the title.*

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Please comment on whether there is a role for the general gyn or PCP in these situations and what that would be.

*The authors feel that the conversation about all options could begin at a generalist or PCP level. We have added a comment regarding the role of the PCP or generalist ob/gyn to the Discussion section of the manuscript. (Page 13, lines 367-370)*

1. Line 115-116 - references here

*This sentence has been changed. (Page 5, line 116)*

2. Line 134-135 - at which institutions?

*We have added the name of our institution to the Materials and Methods section. (Page 6, line 137)*

3. Line 140 - which IRB?

*We have added which IRB was used to the Materials and Methods section. (Page 7, line 161)*

4. Line 181- 186 - please comment further on how large a role financial and insurance barriers played in not obtaining this treatment. Would patients pursue if had access?

*We have added the frequency of participants who described specific financial concerns and also the number of patients who specifically stated that they would obtain third-line therapy if they had insurance coverage. (Page 9, lines 246-247)*

5. Line 211-214 - any other barriers attributed to media? Please provide more detail about "significant" impact

*The authors agree that using the word "significant" may be overstating the data. We have added to the manuscript that five participants stated they would not pursue onabotulinumA due to media influences and also added an additional supporting quotation to this paragraph. (Page 10, lines 283-287)*

6. Line 262 - 266 - references here please

*References have been added to this section of the manuscript. (Pages 12-13, lines 354-359)*

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*The authors agree that a more thorough explanation of the interview guide would aid in reader understanding of the data and study goals. We have provided a list of interview questions that appeared in the interview guide in Table 4.*

2. Page 7, Para 3, Line 158 - Please more clearly delineate how you transition from 381 patients with OAB to a study population of 56. Specifically, after subtraction of the 66 patients with prior third-line treatment you are left with 315 potential candidates. You transition to 65 qualified for the study without explanation of the other 250 subjects. What happened to them?

*The authors agree that there is ambiguity about patient selection and have modified the Materials and Method section to add clarity to this process. We have also created Table 3 to demonstrate the flow of patient selection for our study. (Table 3; Page 8, lines 210-219)*

3. Page 8, Para 1, Line 164 - You indicate that after 30 subjects were interviewed you achieved theoretical saturation. However, you do not describe in Materials and Methods or in the Results section how the 30 subjects were identified. You should describe how you selected the 30 subjects your of your total pool of 56 candidates.

*The authors agree that participant selection was ambiguous. We have added that study participants were selected from the pool of 56 by simple randomization. (Page 7, lines 163-164)*

4. Page 13, Para 2, Line 279 - You mention, "In some cases there was incongruency of patient..." Please quantify (# or %).

*The authors agree that this statement is ambiguous. Four participants demonstrated incongruent recall. This has been added to the manuscript. (Page 13, lines 374-376)*

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*The authors have reviewed the data and table. Educational information was not provided by five of the participants and thus was not available. We have added an explanation of this to Table 1.*

6. Page 16, Table 1 - Recommend including two columns of data. One column should

include ALL qualified study candidates, the other with the 30 actual participants. This addition would allow for comparison with the 26 qualified candidates not contacted.

*Unfortunately, much of the demographic information was obtained as part of the phone interview and is not available on chart review. We have added this to the Discussion section of the manuscript as a limitation of our study. (Page 13, lines 377-380)*

#### 7. General Concerns

a. It would have been very helpful to have some measure of prevalence of reported issues identified within each theme.

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b. Since explicit guidelines for determining theoretical saturation are lacking, a better explanation of how you achieved saturation is needed.

*The authors have amended the description of their methodology and measure of theoretical saturation to the Materials and Methods section. (Page 7, lines 174-180)*

c. Prior treatment experiences should have been portrayed.

*All participants had previously received medications for OAB, as stated in line 293. The authors also describe patients receiving other treatments such as lidocaine bladder instillations in line 308-309.*

#### STATISTICAL EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

1. lines 52-54, 158-163: Should include a flow diagram to show the elimination steps. Were the final 30 chosen randomly from the pool of 56 eligible or by convenience? How many of the 30 had been lost to follow-up vs refractory to 2 or more medications? It might be that those subsets could have differing issues for delay, education or attitudes. Aggregating those responses might have reached a different conclusion in a group with differential combination of those subsets.

*The authors agree that a flow diagram would aid in demonstrating participant recruitment and have added Table 3 to show the elimination steps. We have also added that the 30 participants were chosen by simple randomization to the Methods section of the manuscript. Regarding the break-down of patients lost to follow up or refractory to two or more medications, the purpose of the paper was to collect data from all patients qualified to receive third-line therapies and describe the breadth of reasons why all of them do not receive third-line options rather than review each group independently. Additionally, data collection continued until theoretical saturation was achieved (no new emergent themes for either patient sub-group). In analyzing our data, we considered all codes and themes, regardless of their frequency and thus feel our analysis represents both groups equally well. We do not feel that any data was lost by*

*aggregating those lost to follow-up or refractory to meds together or that a differential combination of patient subsets would dramatically influence our study's findings. We did focus our Discussion and Conclusion on the major themes of education and treatment attitudes which may be more common in a differential subset of the participants. However, we focused on those themes as they were easily modifiable and filled a hole in the current literature on this subject matter where treatment delay and office factors have already been described. (Table 3; Page 7, lines 163-164)*

2. Table 1: Should clarify that the characteristics are formatted as median(range) or as n(proportion) or re-formatting as n(%). Should include the total N of 30.

*The authors have added this modification to Table 1.*

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Sincerely,  
-Daniel Mosier

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Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Davenport,

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PLEASE NOTE: Any changes to the figures must be made now. Changes made at later stages are expensive and time-consuming and may result in the delay of your article's publication.

To avoid a delay, I would appreciate a reply no later than Friday, 4/5. Thank you for your help.

Best,  
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