**Covering letter**

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Dear Sirs,

We intend to present the attached article entitled **“Unmet medical health care needs among cancer patients in Baghdad in 2018”** in your Second IAMRS Conference. On behalf of all contributors, I will act as the corresponding author from this point onward. We have no conflict of interest in any substance or material mentioned in this manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

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**Abstract**

Title: **Unmet medical health care needs among cancer patients in Baghdad in 2018**

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Backgrouns: Identifying the unmet health care needs of cancer patients represents the first step in making health care provided to these patients better. Being able to accurately estimate the extent of these unmet needs give helpful information to healthcare providers in order solve these problems

Aim: This study aims to identify the unmet health care needs and find out whether there is a possible association between these needs and some demographic factors such as age and gender

Methods: A cross-sectional study was conducted on 200 cancer patients in The National Center for cancer diseases in Baghdad selected by convenient sampling. The data was collected by interviewing patients with a preformed questionnaire (SUNS questionnaire, Health Access and Continuity Domain). Data was analyzed by using SPSS v20.

Results: The highest prevalence of unmet needs was related to family doctor items, while the lowest was related to having access to the patients‟ medical information when planning services for them. 30.34% of a sample of patients were fully satisfied with the National Center for cancer diseases and said that there are no changes needed to be done while 17.39% complained about the shortage of supply of the therapy at the center.

Conclusion:This Study reveals that there is a low level of unmet needs among cancer patients indicating a good quality of provided care in the center with highest unmet needs for the family doctor and lowest for accessibility of health team to medical files and information.

Key words: Cancer, Unmet Needs, Health Care

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