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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Research in Dermatological Science
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Title of the Manuscript:	“EVALUATION OF QUALITY OF LIFE IN PATIENTS WITH MELASMA USING MELASQOL SCALE”
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u>	1- Although melasma is a common disorder and it is an important topic in our scientific community. 2- The title is suitable 3- The abstract of the article isn't comprehensive lacking the rational of this study and full of grammar and language mistakes. 4- subsections and structure of the manuscript aren't appropriate: - introduction: is very weak and not comprehensive; reference 3 not present in the manuscript - Material and Methods: (the correct subtitle patients and methods) *As regard inclusion and exclusion criteria, pregnant females should be excluded as pregnancy itself affects quality of life in many aspects. Also, males should be excluded (there number in the study is little and will affect the results) *study instrument need revision of the scientific writing. *Lacking of any Classification of melasma (epidermal, dermal and mixed) *Lacking of any diagnostic tool for melasma such as Wood's light examination *type of skin is not discussed at all in the manuscript - Results: Table 1: different age groups are already having differences in the quality of life so, better for this study to take one age group only. Table 3:level of sun exposure, how to be evaluated? Also, for diagnosis of PCOS we cannot depend on history alone . - Discussion: is very deficient in many aspects and not explain their results - There are great mistakes in the reference list	Rewrote the abstract and changes are made in introduction As melasma mainly seen in pregnancy and by referring the other articles related to that,we included pregnancy but in our study no of pregnant women is zero hence we removed that from inclusion Rewrote the study instrument As the study was conducted in govt setup We don't have any facility to use wood lamps and this classification of melasma particularly required wood lamp, so we didn't mention it. We didn't concentrate on skin type in this particular study so we didn't mention We wanted to check which age group is mainly affected, so we considered all During literature survey, almost all studies used these age groups only Regarding PCOS, we have gyn beside the dermatology department,as I mentioned before in govt setup if doc diagnose one patient and found some other condition they will immediately refer out so pcod based on not only history but also confirm diagnosis Changed the discussion part
Minor REVISION comments 1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	language/English quality of the article is very poor and needs many grammar and language corrections.	Before submission we gave it for correction Again we revised it
Optional/General comments		

PART 2:

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	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	