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Peer Review Report for "The Association Between the Incidence of Acne Vulgaris and Lifestyle Factors Including Dietary Habits, Physical Activity, and Bathing Frequency"

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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) 18 Mar 2021

Dear AE,
The study is quite interesting since almost everybody has been suffered from acne vulgaris once, at least during their puberty. But, the meaning of "lifestyle" needs first to be defined exactly; is there any standard lifestyle - worldwide ? In adition, the text sounds somehow bumpy, it should hence be checked again and improved. Also, die citation of references is not adequate (see background --> by barbar et al ?).
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 18 Mar 2021

Dear EIC,
The manuscript needs minor revision.
Thanks.

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Dear Author,

Please revise the manuscript based on reviewers comments.

Thanks.

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

Dear editor

With thanks to your helpful comments, below you can see our reply:

- In the edited version, lifestyle is more clearly defined. Also through the manuscript, it is specified what aspects of it have been studied, each time the word was mentioned in the text.

- The context is checked again, observing connection and consistency of contents. Some clauses and words have been altered or added, and the sequence of some paragraphs was revised in order to achieve a more coherent manuscript.

- The mentioned citation errors are resolved.

Sincerely yours,

Mohamad Ahmadi

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Dear Author,

The manuscript is acceptable now.

Thanks.