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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the above mentioned manuscript.

We have not taken Ethical approval from any institutional board however study protocol was developed in accordance with the Helsinki declaration. Although there was no harm to any study participant, the study protocol and questionnaire was reviewed and approved by Research Committee, department of Family Medicine, Aga Khan University, Karachi. A consent form was developed in local language (Urdu), which constituted the aims of the study, methods, institutional affiliations of the researcher, the anticipated benefits, the right to refuse, voluntary participation and the right to withdraw without any effect on the clinical care. Investigator took verbal consent which was documented on a separate sheet along with the daily log of the patient (approached, consented and interviewed).

The questionnaires were anonymous and did not ask any personal information. All the questionnaires were entered by a data collector who was a medical student and trained specifically for this task. Data collector was also asked to ensure that the interview took place in privacy and all the information gathered should be kept confidential. The access of final data set was restricted only to Principal Investigator.

With thanks and best regards,

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