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From

Hammad Raza Syed
Dear Editor

First of all, I want to say thank you for the nice support and cooperation during the process of review of my manuscript.

Now I want to discuss some of the points raised by you in your corresponding letter to me.

1. A concern was raised by you regarding the information of securing consent from the participants of my study. I will refer to my statement in the method section where I have described that this study was approved by the Norwegian ethical committee. To secure consent from the participants is one of the main principal on which this committee gives permission to conduct any study in Norway. So I felt that this would be sufficient to explain that I have ethical clearance to conduct this study. And of course written consent was secured by all the participants of the study.

2. According to the suggestion given in your letter, I have tried to explain little bit more about the context and purpose of the study in my abstract under the section of background. This issue has been already elaborated in my manuscript under the section background.

3. I have also tried to check if there are any mistakes in the format of my manuscript. I could not find such a thing. I feel myself comfortable with the present format of my manuscript. But you can contact me again on this issue. I will do my best.