Reviewer's report

Title: Is the association between acne and mental distress influenced by diet?
Results from a cross-sectional population study among 3775 late adolescents in
Oslo, Norway.

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Reviewer: Laurent Misery

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Very interesting paper, with a good methodology and an original question.
Results are weakly disappointing but the strength of the study and its originality
justify publication.

Major compulsory revisions: none

Minor essential revisions: the authors might ameliorate their paper with some
modifications: 1/ better explanations to justify the study (why a link between
acne, diet and mental distress could be possible) 2/ neurobiological data to explain
the aggravation of acne by mental distress could be interesting
(neuro-immuno-cutaneous system, role of CRH) 3/ concerning conflicting results,
tools of measure were not identical and the significance may be insufficient
because of the number of studied patients

Discretionary revisions: none

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a
statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.