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: Ekin Savk

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THIS IS A WELL WRITTEN MANUSCRIPT ON A TOPIC WHICH IS RELEVANT TO A WIDE READERSHIP. THE INCLUSION OF THE LIMITATIONS OF STUDY DESIGN IS ESPECIALLY MOST WELCOME.

PERHAPS MORE INFO ON THE AVERAGE DIETARY HABITS OF THE POPULATION OF NORWAY IN GENERAL AND SOME COMPARISONS WITH ACNE PEREVALENCE IN COUNTRIES WITH DIETS RICH IN RAW VEGETABLES OR MUCH MORE CONSUMPTION OF SUGARY DRINKS AND CHOCOLATE MAY PROVIDE SOME INSIGHT FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE.

WHY IS THERE NO INFO REGARDING MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS?

WHAT IS THE PREVALENCE OF MENTAL DISTRESS IN THE OVERALL NORWEGIAN POPULATION? ARE ADOLESCENTS REALLY UNDER MORE MENTAL DISTRESS?

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.