Reviewer's report

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Reviewer's report:

I- Major Compulsory Revisions: There are no major revisions.

II- Minor Essential Revisions: There are some minor comments

1- In the abstract section:
   a) In the first paragraph, the detail of the abbreviation must be mentioned before the abbreviation when mentioned for the first time.
   b) In the 6th line (first paragraph). our aim was to determine the serum level
   c) In the 7th line. Also, we studied RA markers.
   d) In the third paragraph. in the 4th line, RA patients and healthy persons
   e) In the third paragraph in the 5th line, RA patients who carried RR genotype
   f) In the 4th paragraph, serum levels were found to be associated

2- Key words, the last word, arylesterase

3- In the introduction section:
   a) In the first paragraph, in the second line, disease of unkown cause that is characterized
   b) In the second paragraph, the 1st line. Although the exact
   c) In the second paragraph, in the 10th line. Delete Also,
   d) In the last paragraph, the correlation between the serum levels of RF and anti-CCP-2 Ab and PON-1 192 activity and polymorphism is not clear. Therefore, this work aims to

4- In the patients and methods section:
   a) In the second paragraph, the title sampling
   b) In the third paragraph, Manufacturer

5- Statistical analysis section:
   a) Variables

6- Results section:
a) Table 1 shows
b) Table 2 shows
c) Table 3
d) Table 4 shows
e) In the first paragraph, 2nd & 3rd lines, The ratio of females to males in RA patients
f) The last word in the first paragraph (patients) must be deleted
g) RA patients and controls

7- Discussion section:
a) In the third paragraph, 3rd line, delete patients
b) In the fourth paragraph, the 3rd line, RA patients and controls,
c) In the fourth paragraph the 5th line, In the fourth paragraph
d) In the fourth paragraph 11th lines Iranian RA patients and controls
e) At the end of the fourth paragraph RA patients and controls
f) In the fifth paragraph 4th line, delete that is (then start new sentence)
g) 8- In the conclusion section, in the second line, Also, we

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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'