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Statistical Feedback:

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Discussion, Paragraph 9 – the relationship of WTP with DLQI is poorly worded. The authors might want to restate the sentence as follows: The mean monthly WTP and WTP in terms of relative monthly income were weakly (but statistically significantly) correlated with the total DLQI. Therefore, additional studies with larger sample sizes are needed to further confirm this association.

2. In the statistical method sub-section, for multivariate analysis, please clearly state what the dependent and independent variables were.

3. With reference to # 2 above, I would like to see a table displaying the results of multivariate analysis.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.