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Title: Frequency of different types of facial melanoses referring to the Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Nepal Medical College and Teaching Hospital in 2019, and assessment of their effect on health-related quality of life

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Dear Professor Dr. Megan Barling,

Thank you very much for your email. We had received the following comments from the Assistant Editor.

1. Identifying Information

– We note that table contains potentially identifiable information. It is BioMed Central policy to not publish more than 2 indirect identifiers without explicit consent for publication from the participants, as per this paper (http://trialsjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/1745-6215-11-9).

Currently, the age and gender information in conjunction with other details, may compromise patient anonymity.

We have therefore not only removed the gender but also the names of the participants to prevent identification by third party. Furthermore, the dataset has been uploaded on Kaggle and is available for viewing at https://www.kaggle.com/bibushamatya/facial-melanoses-dataset-bibush-amatya. We have also put a note on the Availability of Datasets subheading under the DECLARATIONS page.

We would like to thank you for your suggestions.

Warm regards,

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