Reviewer’s report

Title: EPIDEMIOLOGICAL AND HISTOPATHOLOGICAL PROFILE OF MALIGNANT MELANOMA IN MALAWI

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Authors report that melanoma in Malawi showed foot as most common site, and ALM was the most common histopathologic subtype. This report is meaningful. Melanoma would be similar subtype among non-Caucasian populations. Therefore, study of melanoma in Africa is meaningful.

There are a few points that should be revised as follows; First, acral sites include plantar sites and nail areas. Divide and specify the number of patients according to plantar area and nail sites. Second, how many patients had hand lesions?

Third, what is the reason of abrupt increase of patients in 60-69 years, especially male? How is an ageing people's portion in Africa? Suggest the aging population and reasons of abrupt peak incidence of 60ties, not of BCG or infections.

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