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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Immunology
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJI_110570
Title of the Manuscript:	Vitamin D Status among Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients attending Benghazi Medical Centre Rheumatoid Out-patients Clinic
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>I reviewed the manuscript "Vitamin D Status among Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients attending Benghazi Medical Centre Rheumatoid Out-patients Clinic" with great interest. The authors have presented a cross-sectional study, discussing the immunomodulatory effects of vitamin D on patients with RA.</p> <p>1. Given the scientific importance of the research topic, the manuscript is important for the scientific community and could be interesting for journal's readership.</p> <p>2. Title: The title of the manuscript is suitable. Adding the phrase "a cross-sectional study" to the end of the Title is recommended.</p> <p>3. Abstract: The abstract is comprehensive. Although, -a structured abstract (background – methods – results – conclusions) is preferred.</p> <p>4. Main text: Please see the following comments about the main sections of the manuscript:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keywords: Authors are recommended to add more keywords in order to comply with the journal's requirements and increase the visibility of the paper. - Page 3, lines 20-29: Authors have presented interesting information about the immunomodulatory effects of vitamin D; however, no proper reference has been provided for this section. Authors are recommended to include appropriate and up-to-date references discussing the immunomodulatory impacts of vitamin D (e.g., https://doi.org/10.1186/s43054-022-00135-w, https://doi.org/10.34172/PS.2021.13, https://doi.org/10.3392/Fmolecules24010053, etc.). - Please include all available information about the ethical approval from institutional review board (IRB). - Page 4, line 15: "Patients were divided into 3 diagnostic categories accordingly". Please mention the categories in complete form. - Page 4: Please include the currency wherever the income has been mentioned. - Page 11: The conclusion section should be summarized, only presenting the key information and essential draws from the results. <p>5. The manuscript is scientifically correct.</p> <p>6. The references are recent. Proper references should be cited in the mentioned sections to support the scientific claims (Please refer to comment 4).</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>While the manuscript is well-written, it could still benefit from native language editing.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>None.</p>	

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p>	<p><u>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</u></p>	

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