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Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<p>Kindly rewrite the abstract as there are so many grammatical mistakes. In abstract, objective section is missing.</p> <p>From where KRRD was taken and did author has taken any official permission for study and publication from KRRD authorities, if yes then kindly mention it.</p> <p>As the prevalence of RA patients in Kuwait is 1%, what is the prevalence of RA patients in your study?</p> <p>"Yet, descriptive data on RA patients in Kuwait, like the rest of The Middle East, is scarce." Do author have any reference for this statement, if yes then kindly mention it.</p> <p>ACR criteria for RA registered, kindly explain this criteria or provide reference for this criteria</p> <p>"They were recruited from the rheumatology departments of four out of the six major government hospitals in Kuwait." As this is multi centric study, did author have taken human ethical permission from this 4 government hospitals. Why 2 hospitals were left?</p> <p>As there were many investigators, there may be chance of variability while data collection, how author have overcome this issue?</p>	



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	<p>How RA patients from registry of UK, Germany, Switzerland, and USA were involved and compared?</p> <p>What were the other appropriate statistical procedures which were selected according to guidelines? What are those guidelines?</p> <p>Did author have used trial version of SPSS software? or original one used</p> <p>Mean \pmSD were mentioned in this study, did this data are normally distributed?</p> <p>How many female patients were anaemic?</p> <p>Why data was missed out of 835 in table 1 and study?</p> <p>Why RF factor and ACPA were compared and how (2\times2 contingency table) P=0.001 was calculated?</p> <p>In table 3, along with percentage, kindly provide exact number of RA patients.</p> <p>In table 5, smoking is mentioned under co-morbidities? However, why alcoholic patients were excluded?</p> <p>What is the difference between RA patients from KRRD and Kuwait general population?</p> <p>Kindly define other population with which RA patients of KRRD were compared?</p>	
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	<p>In this study, co-morbidities were compared with COMORA study and QUEST-RA study. Why other co-morbidities were compared with QUEST-RA study (cardiovascular disease in patients with RA)? On what basis this comparison was done?</p> <p>“Yet, descriptive data on RA patients in Kuwait, like the rest of The Middle East, is scarce.” As authors have claimed that there is a scarcity of data on RA patients in Kuwait, even though Kuwait general population data with reference is already presented in table 5.</p> <p>In discussion, 2nd paragraph, due to genetic heritability, high family history of RA were found. In your study 17.1% RA patients had family history of RA. Kindly compare your finding with other studies, genetic factors would be the reason but it doesn’t reflect from your study.</p> <p>Smoking habit in KRRD was 9.2% while in Kuwait general population with RA was 17.95%. Smoking habit in same country varies with different studies, kindly discuss?</p> <p>RA patients with hypertension and hyperlipidemia were less from KRRD as compare to Kuwait general population, due to young age this may have found in your study. Discuss this with respect to various age groups.</p>	
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<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Manuscript need to be corrected grammatically. Kindly discuss only finding of your study. Check method and results of your study rewrites it systematically. Include relevant literature in Introduction section. Avoid excessive references.	

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