

Review of: "Skin related health issues among health care workers due to utilizing of personal protective equipment during COVID-19 pandemic in Pakistan"

Mohd Fariz Amri¹

¹ Universiti Malaysia Sabah

Potential competing interests: The author(s) declared that no potential competing interests exist.

Skin-related conditions due to PPE among healthcare workers are commonly neglected and this study is a good attempt to highlight this issue.

However, there are few key areas that needs to be clarified before the publication of this study:

1. Data collection methods were using questionnaire that are distributed online to be filled by the participants. This is significant limitation as the data is subjective to participant knowledge of skin conditions and there was no involvement of dermatologist to obtain correct diagnosis regarding the skin conditions and furthermore majority of the participants were nurses (94.2%) hence their knowledge regarding specific skin conditions might be limited.
2. The data presented were not organised, suggest to summarise the presentation of data with special attention to positive findings and relevant negative findings.
3. It would be interesting to compare the types of PPE, duration of its usage and their relation with types of skin conditions arose.
4. The limitation of the study should be highlighted including small sample size, the possible diagnostic issue with skin conditions as there was no dermatologist involvement in this study.

Thank you.