Dear editors and reviewers,

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers comments conceming our manuscript entitled

**A comparison of health-related quality of life of patients with knee**

**osteoarthritis in two urban cities in Pakistan**

Those comments are valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made the correction, which we hope to meet with approval. Revised portion is marked in red in the manuscript. The main conrection in the manuscript and the responses to the reviews’ comments are as follows.

\* Referee(s)' Comments to Author:

Referee: 1

Thank you so much for reviewing our article, we try to answer your concerns and amendments as follow.

Study not useful, there are some alternate for quality of life

**Response**: this study is useful in developing countries, it may increase awareness of patients about most crippling disease like OA.

Question mostly asked about daily activity of livings, that ve direct link with OA regarding health related quality of life.

Methods are limited

Methods are according to sample size, no doubt limited, but fulfilling rationale of study. Study conducted with personal sources and efforts without any funding, using all available sources here and hence randomaized accordingly.

May b use full by increasing subject and prospective way

**Response**: No doubt study limited with short sample size, but here in our country perhaps for first time, this effort is made on this issue. Definitely with more study and increasing sample size we can increase subject. Then this study may be helpful as initiative.

Needs better statistics

**Response**: Statistics already used

SF-12 V2 questionnaire was used for health related quality of life measure.

SPSS 12 used for data analysis

Chi square test for result

Sample t test

Sampling by convenience method

Include better inclusion and exclusion criteria

**Response**: this point addressed.

Comments to the Author

Referee: 2

Thank you for your kind review about our article. We did following ammendment as per your kind advices.

Comments to the Author

Follow authors guidelines for journal and English writing

**Response**: Addressed

Title alternative

**Response**: Addressed, title wordings changed according to advise.

Abstract needs to rewrite in better English, use better phrases, result should be summarized, p value unexplained.

**Response**: Addressed. Rewrite abstract, use phrases according to advise, result summarized with p.value explained.

Introduction and literature review should be in integrated manners. Literature review summarized.

**Response**: addressed, accordingly, integrated introduction and literature review, later also summarized.

Operational definition and ethical issue move to be in methodology section

**Response**: both are now in methodology section.

Methodology can be improved by integrating short sentences into paragraphs

**Response**: Addressed

Description of both cities and prevalence of OA, study design

**Response**: Added description of cities with prevalence, and study design

Sampling techniques, determining size and eligibility criteria, data collection, soft ware used

**Response**: sampling technique, eligibility criteria added and rewrite

Spss12 used, convenient sampling method used.

SF-12 V2 questionnaire was used for health related quality of life measure.

SPSS 12 used for data analysis

Chi square test for result

Sample t test

Ethical issues

**Response**: Ethical issues taken into account

Results summarized, focus on important values, numbers not needed

**Response**: Addressed, summarized, focused numbers removed.

Limitation can be moved to conclusion

**Response**: moved

Recommendation, to whom addressed

**Response**: for further studies and research work. Especially in developing countries.