REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-55823

Title: *Clinical Photography as an Essential Tool in Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery departments*

Recommendation:

Accept as it is ....

✓ Accept after minor revision..................

Accept after major revision ....

Do not accept (*Reasons below*) ....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity			✓	
Significance	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr S. K. Nath   **Date:** 20.01.26

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strengths of the Study

- The paper addresses a highly relevant topic in plastic and reconstructive surgery, emphasizing the importance of standardized clinical photography.
- It provides a comprehensive overview of the principles of standardized photography, including consent, lighting, background, framing, camera settings, and patient positioning.
- The study discusses the multifaceted role of clinical photography, covering diagnostic, surgical planning, documentation, educational, research, and medicolegal aspects.
- The inclusion of practical guidelines and a structured framework for implementing standardized photography protocols is valuable for clinical departments.
- The manuscript underscores the significance of data management and secure storage, which are crucial in clinical practice.
- The review emphasizes improving departmental workflows and patient care through standardization.

Weaknesses of the Study

- The manuscript appears to be a narrative review or expert opinion rather than original research, but this is not explicitly clarified.
- There is a lack of detailed methodology, data analysis, or evidence-based evaluation supporting the proposed protocols.
- No empirical data or sample size is presented to validate the effectiveness of the proposed standardization.
- The literature review is limited in scope, with only references to organizational standards and guidelines, lacking recent or diverse sources.
- No specific ethical approval process or informed consent procedures are described, which are important when discussing patient photographic data.
- The presentation could benefit from clearer structuring of sections, especially in differentiating background, methods, and discussion.
- The references section is incomplete and lacks recent peer-reviewed articles, reducing the academic rigor.
- The manuscript contains minor typographical and grammatical issues.

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Reviewer Comments

- The title is clear and accurately reflects the content of the paper.
- The abstract succinctly summarizes the importance of clinical photography but could be made clearer by explicitly stating whether this is a review, guideline, or original study.
- The introduction effectively highlights the significance of clinical photography in plastic surgery but lacks explicit research objectives or questions.
- The methodology is not detailed; the paper appears to be a narrative overview rather than a systematic review or original research. Clarification on this aspect is needed.
- The discussion of principles and protocols is practical; however, incorporating evidence or case examples would strengthen the recommendations.
- The conclusion appropriately summarizes the key points but should emphasize the need for further empirical validation.
- Ethical considerations such as patient consent and approval are mentioned as principles but lack detailed procedural descriptions or approval information.
- The manuscript is generally well-written but contains minor language issues; a thorough proofreading is recommended.
- Figures are referenced but not included in the provided content; ensure they are clear, relevant, and enhancing understanding.
- References are sparse and outdated; expanding to include recent guidelines and empirical studies would improve scholarly robustness.

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