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Journal Name:	Journal of Cancer and Tumor International
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Title of the Manuscript:	A retrospective study of 137 dysplastic nevi: Are a personal history of melanoma and other histopathological factors associated with high-grade cytologic atypia?
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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<p>1. It's important for the authors to describe how dysplastic naevus syndrome (DNS) patients were classified. (Materials and Methods)</p>	<p>Dear reviewer, Thank you very much for your help and kind comments. The required revisions for our manuscript are completed. We highlighted the changes in the manuscript by using coloured text in yellow. Our point-by-point responses to the comments are below.</p> <p>-Per your suggestion we included the diagnostic criteria with its reference into the materials and methods section.</p>
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	<p>1. Line 30 - it needs proper reference for this first sentence "melanoma can develop from dysplastic nevi" and one paper that should be considered is <i>Clark WH Jr, Elder DE, Guerry D 4th, Epstein MN, Greene MH, Van Horn M. A study of tumor progression: the precursor lesions of superficial spreading and nodular melanoma. Hum Pathol. 1984 Dec;15(12):1147-65.</i></p>	<p>-Per your suggestion the reference has been included as reference 1, and the remaining reference numbers have been revised.</p>



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Optional/General comments	<p>Suggestions</p> <p>1- The key findings and value of this manuscript are based on the cytological atypia grading. From this point of view, it should be explained in a better way to be visualized as by topics or in a table such as this:</p> <table><tr><td></td><td colspan="3">melanocytes morphological features</td></tr><tr><td>Atypia</td><td>NUCLEI SIZE</td><td>NUCLEI SHAPE AND SIZE VARIABILITY</td><td>NUCLEOLAR PROMINENCE</td></tr><tr><td>MILD</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>MODERATE</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>SEVERE</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>2- Title - As personal history of melanoma is not a histopathological factor, the word "other" is not necessary</p> <p>3- Line 67 e 68 - a better way to write should be: <i>"based on melanocytes morphological characteristics"</i>. And also for lines 68 e 69 <i>"Nuclei size"</i>, insted of <i>"Size of the nuclei"</i>.</p> <p>4- Finally, the authors should consider the reading of this paper: Sagebiel RW, Banda PW, Schneider JS, Crutcher WA. Age distribution and histologic patterns of dysplastic nevi. J Am Acad Dermatol. 1985 Dec;13(6):975-82.</p>		melanocytes morphological features			Atypia	NUCLEI SIZE	NUCLEI SHAPE AND SIZE VARIABILITY	NUCLEOLAR PROMINENCE	MILD				MODERATE				SEVERE				<p>-Per your suggestion, text has been deleted and a new table (table 1) including criteria for grading cytologic atypia has been formed and included in the materials and methods section.</p> <p>-Per your suggestion title has been revised.</p> <p>-Corrected per your suggestion.</p> <p>-Per your suggestion this reference has been included in the discussion section (reference number 19).</p>
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