## **'REVIEWER 1' COMMENT:**

Dear authors, Thank you for your pertinent letter. There are a few comments that needs to be addressed. The authors have made some bold statements (perhaps based on their personal experience). However, such statements need appropriate citations from literature.

1. Line 2 "Sexual function aids in this process." What is meant by this statement? Sexual function aids or is necessary for reproduction? Please provide citation here.

2. Line 2 "But it is often neglected in many domains." The same as previous point. What are these domains? Please provide citations.

3. Line 3 "Especially sexual dysfunctions are many a time neglected as a medical condition." Please correct sentence structure. Provide citation.

4. Line 5 "It is also not thoroughly taught during the undergraduate medical curriculum and also during the postgraduate medical study". Provide citation and example.

5. Is missing definition of sexual dysfuction! WHO definition or national one. Mention the most common manifestations of sexual dysfunction.

6. Barriers paragraph "Male sexual problems are addressed in urology sometimes and female issues are seen in gynaecology". What is meant by this sentence? How many % of men visits urology for sexual dysfunction issues? How many % of females for Ob/GYN? Provide numbers!

7. In structured questions -> it's also important to ask what gender does the patient identifies him/her? Is he/she comfortable with his/her own gender?
8. For males -> questions regarding scrotal hygiene/scrotal functioning/pain etc are missing

9. For females -> question about pregnancy and related history is missing 10. "Check the quality of life by specific measurement scales." Name some examples of scales

## AUTHORS' REPLY & CHANGES DONE:

1. Text has been changed and citation added, "Sexual function is vital for reproduction in this process.<sup>[1]</sup>"

2. Text has been changed and citation added, "Unfortunately, it is often neglected.<sup>[2]"</sup>

3. Citation added, "It is also not thoroughly taught during the undergraduate medical curriculum and also during the postgraduate medical study.<sup>[3]"</sup>

4.Text has been changed and citation added

5. Added.

6. Text changed and removed.

7. Text has been changed, "Then, ask in what gender patient wants to identify him/her etc. Is he/she comfortable with his/her own gender?"

8. For males: ask for psychogenic, reflexogenic erection. Ask for ejaculation (premature/delayed) and orgasm (absent, reduced/altered, normal),

questions regarding scrotal hygiene/scrotal functioning/pain etc.

9. For females: ask for psychogenic, reflexogenic genital arousal, genito-pelvic pain and menstruation. Also ask regarding pregnancy related history.

10. Added. "Check the quality of life by specific measurement scales [Emotional Quality of the Relationship Scale (EQR), Female Sexual Function Index (FSFI), Sexual Attitude and Information Questionnaire (SAIQ) etc]. Check how much it has been affected by sexual dysfunction."