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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: review-aquatic_Derm_WJD_10_20_14).

Title: Dermatological Conditions of Aquatic Athletes

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) Interesting and important review of dermatoses seen in aquatic athletes to raise awareness of such skin diseases. Before going into individual conditions, there should be an introduction at the beginning of the main body text - please kindly insert this. Also, at line 39, please delete "control" in front of "subjects". Needs minor language polishing - few grammatical errors - please correct them.

Response: Thank you for your suggestions. An introduction has been inserted per your request. We have also deleted "control" in front of subjects at Line 39. Language polishing has been done, and we believe that these alterations have substantially improved the overall quality of the manuscript. Thank you again for your constructive critique.

- (2) This is an interesting, well-written and informative review article describing the various dermatological conditions of aquatic athletes. I have just two questions: 1) On line 39, it was stated that "swimmers may be more prone to allergic reaction than other sportsmen since control subjects have a higher incidence of positive skin prick tests". Please specify what is meant by "control subjects" - swimmers or non-swimmers. 2) With regards to the final section, "Environment-related conditions", please also briefly discuss current recommendations for sunscreen use in aquatic athletes (for example, how often should sunscreens be reapplied to the skin for outdoor swimmers, use of water-resistant sunscreens).

Response: Thank you for kindness and excellent suggestions. We have specified what control subjects on Line 39 meant. We have also added a section that briefly discusses the recommendations for how often sunscreen should be applied at the end of the manuscript. We feel that these alterations have substantially improved the manuscript. Thank you again for your constructive critique.

- (3) References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Dermatology*.

Sincerely yours,

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