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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting and well written review. The main problem is that it is not clear whether the authors meant it to be a meta-analysis/systematic review. If it was meant to be either then you needed to specify the search criteria/tree etc. and the whole article would need a significant revision. Otherwise there is very little new in the data presented. Could have added a bit more detail on some aspects like targeted broad band UVB /UVA1 etc.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written and comprehensive review of narrow-band ultraviolet B radiation in the treatment of vitiligo. The topic is clinically relevant and the article is informative. I would recommend summarizing some of the information (for example the comparison between narrow-band UVB and other forms of treatment for vitiligo) in a table format. Also, the authors should consider including some clinical figures in this article (for example different types of repigmentation following NB-UVB phototherapy, or the adverse effects of NB-UVB).

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Well written review.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is well written and covers many aspects of nbUVB treatment of vitiligo. But I suggest some revisions as: Abstract: I think you mean unknown etiology not pathogenesis, vitiligo is caused by immune mechanisms. As I see you are the single author. You said "we have reviewed", please correct this phrase. Core tips: You review narrow band UVB, please correct the phrase "current status of other new phototherapy modalities" nbUVB versus PUVA: In Kanwar and Dogra (27) reference, whether they studied nbUVB or compared it with PUVA in children. It is not clear, please clarify it. You can say "topical calcineurin inhibitors and nbUVB" instead of "tacrolimus and nbUVB" as you mention about pimecrolimus too. You described combination of nbUVB with acitretin, cyclosporine and methotrexate but they were all non-vitiligo studies. you did not mentioned any comment on vitiligo in these sections. In the newer trends section I think you must compare other newer phototherapy methods with nbUVB rather than describing them in detail. I think you could explain newer phototherapy methods briefly without skiping emphasis on nbUVB. In discussion the sentence mentioning about reference 85 is a bit confusing, please check it whether both of IL-1 are beta. You mentioned cytokine changes in two places, discussion and cytokine induction parts. It would be



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better to mention whole cytokine changes in one section. I could not see figure 1 and table 1, please provide them.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is an interesting and well written review.

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Only minor comments: - Cannot find the figures and table - Standardize the abbreviations: The paper uses NBUVB, NB-UVB and NB-UV-B.