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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 31 Aug 2020

Dear AE,
I received the paper as a reviewer. It seems that the authors tried to make a summarized paper on the psychological features of COVID-19. It seems valuable, but as there is so many published paper in this era, the final decision will be made by the EIC. All in all, the format must change as a letter to the editor instead of its current format the authors submitted as a brief report. I also recommend them to use the references below:
- https://ajem.tums.ac.ir/index.php/ajem/article/view/397
- https://ajem.tums.ac.ir/index.php/ajem/article/view/419
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) — 14 Nov 2020

Dear EIC,
The authors should revise the manuscript based on comments.
Thanks.

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) — 14 Nov 2020

Dear Author,

Your article is reviewed by the reviewers carefully. According to their comments, this document needs minor revision. Please follow their comments as requested.

Thanks.

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

We would like to thank the reviewer for its time and consideration.

Reviewer 1:
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In agreement with reviewer this manuscript has been submitted as letter to editor.

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In agreement with reviewer, these references were added to manuscript.

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) 19 Nov 2020

Dear AE
The revisions are appropriate.
Kind Regards

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 22 Nov 2020

Dear EIC
Based on the authors' answers to the reviewers' comments, the reviewer(s) have recommended publication.
Kind regards.

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) 22 Nov 2020

Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.