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Peer Review Report for "Impact of Sedentary Behavior on Bodily Pain While Staying at Home in COVID-19 Pandemic and Potential Preventive Strategies"

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Revision (0)

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Aleksandar Cvorovic: Reviewer | Revision (0)

19 Apr 2020

Dear AE,
I received an invitation from your reputable journal to participate in a review of Letter to the editor entitled : "Impact of sedentary behavior on bodily pain while staying at home in the COVID-19 epidemic", which I was pleased to accept. The topic is more than current and relevant because the problem is global. The author has addressed precisely the problem of sedentary behavior, which is ubiquitous, and now, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is unfortunately increased.
In addition to addressing the problem itself, the authors also offered practical solutions to prevent insufficient physical activity and sedentary behavior during isolation. Therefore, the work gained importance, but at the same time, it was not adequately accompanied by the title of the paper. So, with minor corrections to the title, where it should be stated that solutions are also offered, and with technical flaws in the references, with those minor changes, this paper deserves to be published in my professional opinion. All missing details are specified in the accompanying document.
Thanks.

Farzin Farahbakhsh: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) 23 Apr 2020

Dear AE,
I had the pleasure to review the manuscript entitled Impact of sedentary behavior on bodily pain while staying at home in the COVID-19 epidemic'. In principle, this is a timely letter on the impact upon our living by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The authors present ways to improve peoples' health in the world heavily affected by the spread of this new disease. This letter is in line with the aims and scopes of the Asian Journal of Sports Medicine and is interesting for the readers, and I suggest that it can be published as it is this valuable journal.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 24 Apr 2020

Dear EIC,
The reviewers and editors were very interested in the work, which they found timely, novel, and important. They however had some minor concerns regarding the manuscript, as detailed in their attached reviews.
Addressing these concerns will require a minor revision of the manuscript before it can be reconsidered for publication in the Journal. If the authors are willing to revise the manuscript in accordance with these comments, we will be happy to reconsider it.
Thanks.

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) 24 Apr 2020

Dear Author,
Thank you for submitting your manuscript to Asian J Sports Med. Your manuscript has now been reviewed by three reviewers and an Associate Editor. I now have the reports of the Referees, which suggest that your manuscript might be suitable for publication following a number of revisions. I attach some reviewer comments and invite you to submit a revised version of your manuscript addressing the points made.
Thanks.

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Reply to Reviewers

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

	Original comments of the reviewers	Reply by the authors
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2	see the attached file. [Proper Article TITLE? Yes, but maybe some extension, like "practical solutions" or "potential preventive strategies"]. [Proper Writing of the REFERENCES? It has to be corrected according to Journal demands, for example reference number 9. Halabchi	Thank you. We acknowledge the concerns that you have raised. We changed the title in to " Impact of sedentary behavior on bodily pain while staying at home in the COVID-19 epidemic and potential preventive strategies " according to this suggestion. Besides, we checked and

	F, Ahmadinejad Z, Selk-Ghaffari M. COVID-19 Epidemic: Exercise or Not to Exercise; That is the Question! : Kowsar. Is incomplete, and please check the others!!!]	corrected all the references (including reference number 9) to make sure that those are entirely according to Vancouver-Kowsar-2018 reference style, and the required information is provided. The new changes are highlighted in yellow in the manuscript.
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Aleksandar Cvorovic: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) 27 Apr 2020

Dear AE,
The authors of this manuscript responded to all comments and suggestions from reviews, and all corrections are made in line with expectations, according to that my recommendation for this manuscript is to be accepted and published in your respectful journal.
Kind Regards

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 29 Apr 2020

Dear EIC,
I am pleased to inform you that all the concerns of reviewers have been addressed.
Thanks.

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) 29 Apr 2020

Dear Author,
The second round of peer review of your manuscript has been completed, and I am pleased to inform you that your manuscript has now been accepted for publication in our journal.
Thanks.