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Peer Review Report for "IASEM-TUMS COVID-19 Virtual Pulmonary Rehabilitation Framework; Exercise Prescription for Recovered COVID-19 Patients"

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Revision (0)

Here, you can see the **Reviewers**, **Associate Editors** and **EICs'** comments from the beginning to the end of the revision process.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) — 5 Oct 2020

Dear EIC,
The manuscript is studied, and there are some comments which should be addressed by the author. According to the comments, the document needs minor revision.
Kind regards,

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) — 5 Oct 2020

Dear Authors,
The reviewers and editors were very interested in your work, which they found timely and important. They however had a few minor concerns regarding your manuscript, as detailed in their attached reviews.
Thanks

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Revision (1)

Reply to Reviewers

Ideally, the reviewing process can significantly improve the submitted manuscripts by allowing the authors to take into account the advice of reviewers. Author(s) must reply to all reviewers' comments in a separate Word file, point by point. A "**Reply to Reviewers**" document is submitted along with revised manuscript during submission of revised files, summarizing the changes that the authors made in response to the reviewers' comments. The responses to reviewers' comments specifies how the authors addressed each comment the reviewers made.

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

Dear Editor in Chief

Thank you for allowing us to submit a revised draft of our manuscript titled IASEM-TUMS COVID-19 Virtual Pulmonary Rehabilitation Framework; Exercise prescription for recovered COVID-19 patients to Asian Journal of Sports Medicine. We appreciate the time and effort that you and the reviewer have dedicated to providing your valuable feedback on the manuscript. We are grateful to the reviewer for the insightful comments on the paper. We have highlighted the changes within the text. Here is a point-by-point response to the reviewer's comments and concerns.

Associate Editor 1:
Please consider following comments in new version of your manuscript.
1- What's the mean of IASEM-TUMS? Please explain it in the paper.

We explained the meaning of both IASEM (Iranian Association of Sports and Exercise Medicine) and TUMS (Tehran University of Medical Sciences) in first paragraph of "Framework".

2- Please describe abbreviations when first appeared in the text or as a footnote of the tables (Table 1) and 3.

Abbreviations were described accordingly.

3- Following related papers recommend for consideration:
- Halabchi F, Ahmadinejad Z, Selk-Ghaffari M. COVID-19 Epidemic: Exercise or Not to Exercise; That is the Question!, Asian J Sports Med. 2020 ; 11(1):e102630. doi: 10.5812/asjsm.102630.
- Baradaran Mahdavi S, Kelishadi R. Impact of Sedentary Behavior on Bodily Pain While Staying at Home in COVID-19 Pandemic and Potential Preventive Strategies, Asian J Sports Med. Online ahead of Print ; 11(2):e103511. doi: 10.5812/asjsm.103511.

Thank you for this suggestion. Halabchi et al. manuscript has already been cited (second reference in the list) and another paper cited and added to reference list.

Best regards

Mohammad Hossein Pourgharib Shahi

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REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 30 Oct 2020

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

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) 30 Oct 2020

Dear Authors,
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