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Peer Review Report for "Ramadan Fasting in SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Pandemic"

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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) 9 Jun 2020

Dear AE,
It is recommended that the authors explain more about the relationship between fasting and SARS-CoV-2 .
Please see some of comments mentioned in the text.
Thanks

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) 9 Jun 2020

Dear AE,
This letter states the effect of Ramadan and COVID-19. This topic is interesting which aimed to connect science with religion. However, before publication, it needs some minor revisions, that are:
1. The text needs English editing in terms of grammatical and writing errors.
2. The second sentence of the first paragraph requires citation.
3. The same sentence needs example for readers.
4. Avoid the shortened sentence, Such as “Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the beginning of Ramadan, Muslims worry whether the fasting "increases the risk of coronavirus infection”.

5. Provide some information on COVID-19.
Thank you

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 13 Jun 2020

Dear EIC
The reviewer(s) have recommended publication, but also suggest some minor revisions to the manuscript. Therefore, I invite the author to respond to the reviewer(s)' comments and revise his manuscript.
Kind regards,

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) 14 Jun 2020

Dear author
According to reviewer comments, the manuscript needs "Minor Revision".
Best Regards

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Revision (1)

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

Reviewer 1:

Q1: It is recommended that the authors explain more about the relationship between fasting and SARS-CoV-2.

R: As SARS-CoV-2 is a novel disease, there is no clear information about the relation between SARS-CoV-2 and fasting. Therefore, we cited the results of the studies which were done to investigate the relation between fasting and similar status.

Q2: Please see some of comments mentioned in the text

R: While this study was done to aware Muslims about their duty in Ramadan, it seems to be necessary to mention their leader's religious opinion.

Reviewer 2:

Q1. The text needs English editing in terms of grammatical and writing errors.
R: The text was revised.

Q2. The second sentence of the first paragraph requires citation.
R: The citation was added.

Q3. The same sentence needs example for readers.
R: Examples were added.

Q4. Avoid the shortened sentence, Such as "Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the beginning of Ramadan, Muslims worry whether the fasting "increases the risk of coronavirus infection".
R: The sentence was changed.

Q5. Provide some information on COVID-19.

R: More information were added.

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Dear AE,
Due to the fact that the necessary corrections have been made by the honorable authors, the article is acceptable.
Thanks

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 23 Jun 2020

Dear EIC,
Due to the fact that the necessary corrections have been made by the honorable authors, the article is acceptable.
Thanks

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) 24 Jun 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.