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Hamidreza Kouhpayeh: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 11 Jul 2020

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The reviewers' comments are mentioned. Please correct the details as mentioned above carefully according to reviewers' request.

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Thanks a lot for your email regarding my manuscript entitled: Neonatal outcomes among pregnant women with COVID-19

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Dear AE,
The manuscript is proper for publishing now.
Regards

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