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Peer Review Report for "Emergency Management Strategies for Children with Rheumatic Disease During COVID-19 Epidemic Outside Hubei in China"

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Dear AE,
Thanks a lot for this valuable manuscript submission
There are some comments:
- Please refer to incidence rate of COVID-19 among general population outside Hubei in China during study.
- Please mention the study population, place of study and kind of research in Method part.
Best regards

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Dear AE,
In this study, author summarize the effect of classification and division management methods on prevention and control of COVID-19 in Children with Rheumatic Disease. I found the study interesting and useful in management the children with rheumatic diseases during the epidemic prevention and control period of COVID-19.
Some changes that authors need to take into consideration are:
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research and its purpose.
- Methodology is sufficient and no need more correction.
- It is recommended to mention more statistics in the results section. Observations and evidence related to the tables express in this section.
Thanks.

Hamidreza Kouhpayeh: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 21 Jul 2020

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Hamidreza Kouhpayeh: EIC | **Revision** (0) 21 Jul 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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Replies to all reviewers' comments

Reviewer 1:

Dear Authors. Thanks a lot for your valuable manuscript submission. There are some comments: Please refer to incidence rate of COVID-19 among general population outside Hubei in China during study. Please mention the study population, place of study and kind of research in Method part.

Reply:

According to National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China and Health Commission of Hubei Province, there were 84337 cases and 4634 deaths cases been confirmed in China, and the corresponding data were 16202, 122 cases respectively among general population outside Hubei in China until July 31, 2020.

From January 16, 2020 to July 31, 2020, there were 11 thousand outpatients with rheumatic disease visiting our hospital and 565 children with rheumatic diseases hospitalized in our department. Measures from the aspects of personnel, ward and process management were taken for protecting children with rheumatic disease outpatient or inpatient, caregivers, and medical staff in our department from COVID-19 infection, and the effects of these measures were retrospectively analyzed.

Reviewer 2:

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Reply:

Since December 2019, many patients with Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia (NCP) have appeared in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Rapid onset, strong infectivity and rapid disease change were considered characteristics of this disease. WHO announced the NCP epidemic in China as a public health emergency of international concern on January 31, 2020[1], and the pneumonia caused by novel coronavirus was named " Corona Virus Disease 2019, COVID-19"by the WHO on February 11, 2020[2].

COVID-19 has been reported in 216 countries and regions around the world, with over 17.6 million cases, and 680 thousand deaths cases confirmed until July 31, 2020, and still in an upward trend[3].

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The COVID-19 outbreak has created a global public health crisis, and the challenge of combatting this pandemic and its impact is daunting. Given the lack of safe and effective vaccines or proven treatments for COVID-19, our main strategy to

combat the pandemic is aggressively implement infection control measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 via human-to-human transmission.

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Reply:

From Janaury 16 to July 31, 2020, there were 11 thousand outpatients with rheumatic disease visiting our hospital and 565 children with rheumatic diseases hospitalized in our department. All received timely and reasonable treatment, in the meanwhile these patients and their caregivers cooperated to complete the epidemic prevention and control of COVID-19 infection. The completion rate of tertiary protective measures for medical personnel in all positions was 100%. None suffered COVID-19 in our department, and no suspected COVID-19 case was confirmed in our ward.

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Dear AE,
Thanks for giving me the opportunity to peer review. I have read the corrected version of the article. The authors have addressed most of the raised points, so the manuscript got better.
Best regards.

narjes sargolzaie: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) — 8 Sep 2020

Dear AE,
Thanks for the revision. This manuscript is properly to publish now.
Thanks.

Hamidreza Kouhpayeh: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) — 11 Sep 2020

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Hamidreza Kouhpayeh: EIC | **Revision** (1) — 11 Sep 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.