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Peer Review Report for "The Role of Self-Responsible Response Versus Lockdown Approach in Controlling COVID-19 Pandemic in Kurdistan Region of Iraq"

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Ebrahim Kord: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 8 Aug 2020

Dear AE,
Valuable experience is presented in this letter. Comparing the two approaches of dealing with the epidemic and examining their results is very instructive for community decision makers. As mentioned in the conclusion, the use of self-responsible approach requires the existence of cultural and social infrastructure.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 10 Aug 2020

Dear AE,
The authors should up-date the article, first and discuss and compare with other region in the country too.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 15 Aug 2020

Dear AE,
In this letter “The Role of Self-responsible response versus lockdown approach in controlling

COVID-19 pandemic in Kurdistan Region of Iraq" significant suggestions are made to reduce the spread of COVID-19 infectivity. They reported that a self-responsible approach and relaxing the containment measure without a plan was a dicey move. They emphasized that a lockdown approach with a financial support program is the best to control the spread of infection in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. This manuscript can be accepted for publication in its present form.
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Hamidreza Kouhpayeh: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 23 Aug 2020

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Hamidreza Kouhpayeh: EIC | **Revision** (0) 23 Aug 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.