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1 Original submission

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Abolhasan Safdari Reviewer

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Dear author, your study is well designed, but there are some comments:
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Relationship between physical activity level in CVD patients and the rate of COVID-19 incidence
2. The abbreviation PAL, used in the results in the abstract, is not mentioned previously.
3. Given that smoking is one of the main risk factors for CVD, did you consider this confounding factor in this study?

Associate Editor

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Editor-in-Chief

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Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

Answers to the respected editor and reviewers

We agree with all your comments, and we corrected point by point the manuscript accordingly. Your comments are in red text in the manuscript.

Editor Comments to the authors

Reviewer 1

This study has a Good Title and the results are useful.

The analysis method is suitable.

It has Correct referencing and citations.

There is Correct and proper English writing

My decision about this manuscript is accepted.

Thank you for taking the time to review the manuscript.

Reviewer 2:

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Thanks for your comment; The title is changed based on the opinion of the honorable reviewer.

2. The abbreviation PAL is not mentioned previously and used in results in the abstract.

Thanks for your comment, the abbreviation PAL is edited in the whole manuscript.

3. Due to smoking being one of most risk factors in CVD, are you consider this confounder factor in this study?

Thanks for the proper concerns about the study design. Smoking was considered as an exclusion criterion and was added in the methodology section.

Thank you for taking the time to review the manuscript.

2 Revision 1

1 comment · 21 Feb 2022

Editor-in-Chief

ACCEPT 21 Feb 2022

Dear author
Your article has been accepted by the International Journal of Infection and will be published in future issues.