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# Peer Review Report for "COVID-19 Incidence in Pakistan: Gender Disparity"

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## Review Timeline:

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Revision (0)

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**REFEREE**: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) 5 Jun 2020

Dear AE,
Although this manuscript is a good and comprehensive article that addresses one of the needs of today's society, it does not have the specifications of a review article. Review articles contains the below headings: Context, Evidence Acquisition, Results and Conclusions. In my opinion, this article is a kind of “Discussion”. According to the rules of the Journal, “Discussion” is related to a specific article or issue and should follow the sections including Introduction, Arguments, and Conclusions. Therefore, I suggest that you rewrite the manuscript as a “Discussion” and pay more attention to the psychological aspects in the title and text of the article, considering the field of work and the goals of the journal.
Besides, please see the attached comments.
Thanks.

**REFEREE**: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 5 Jun 2020

Dear EIC,
This is with further reference to the paper submitted for possible publication in IJPBS.
The paper has been carefully reviewed and it is suggested that the manuscript requires

considerable revision and should be modified according to the reviewer's comments which are appended below.
Thanks.

**REFEREE**: EIC | **Revision** (0) 5 Jun 2020

Dear Author,
Your paper has been evaluated by external peer reviewers. Please do your revisions according to the reviewers' comments. I appreciate you to do the revisions as soon as possible by using the track changes mode in MS Word and using colored text.
After revision authors are obliged to upload reviewers' comments word file in which they have replied to all comments one by one.
Besides, please pay attention to the word count limitation:
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We look forward to receiving your revised manuscript. Thank you for sending your work to the Iranian Journal of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.
Thanks.

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

**Response to reviewer and Editor Comments**

**Comment:** Pay more attention to the psychological aspects in the title and text of the article, considering the field of work and the goals of the journal.

**Response:** The text of manuscript contain more than 60% are directly or indirectly related to psychological and behavioral aspects. And we have edited the conclusion section which considered the field of work and the goals of the journal.

**Comment:** Add “psychological” and “life style” aspects too.

**Response:** We have added.

**Comment:** Please use keywords which exist in MeSH. You can use the following address: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/

**Response:** We have done.

**Comment:** However, the efficacy and safety of these medications are controversial.

**Response:** Yes, these are controversial. However, these are not approved, just promising.

**Comment:** Does the scarf cover their face, nose, and mouth?

**Response:** Yes Pakistani traditional scarves covers.

**Comment:** Use the term homemaker when discussing a job.

**Response:** We have replaced.

**Comment:** Citations needed.

**Response:** We have cited.

**Comment:** Add “psychological” and “life style” aspects too.

**Response:** We have added.

**Comment:** This is with further reference to your paper submitted for possible publication in IJPBS. Your paper has been carefully reviewed and it is suggested that the manuscript requires considerable revision and should be modified according to the reviewer's comments which are appended below.

**Response:** We revised and edited as the reviewer commented.

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**REFEREE**: EIC | **Revision (1)** 6 Jun 2020

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Thanks.