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Dear Author,
Thank you for submission of your "Letter to Editor". Please edit the manuscript natively.
In addition:
- Please descript completely the transmission factors of covid-19 in the introduction. You stated limited factors in this issue.
- The suggested intervention strategies should also explain more clinically and practically.
Thanks.

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1. ***All the sentences are edited natively and are highlighted in green in the article word file.***

2. ***Coronavirus transmission factors are described in the text of the article, which is highlighted and commented in the article word file.***

3. ***The strategies presented in the article were fully described clinically and practically.***

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