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Estimation of the Economic Burden of COVID-19 in Abadan University of Medical Sciences

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1 Original submission

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Samaneh Naeimi Reviewer

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Greetings and regards
There are several points that need to be revised in the above article:
1) It is necessary to compare the results of this study with those of other studies that have addressed the post-COVID era.
2) The translation of this article is very literal, and it is recommended that it be retranslated into a native language.

Associate Editor

MAJOR REVISION 29 Apr 2025

Dear Authors,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript, "Estimation of the Economic Burden of COVID-19 in Abadan University of Medical Sciences ", to Comprehensive Health and Biomedical Studies. After careful consideration by the reviewers, I invite you to revise and resubmit your work to address significant concerns.

The reviewers identified several issues requiring attention. While the topic is of interest, these revisions are essential to ensure the manuscript meets the journal's standards.

Address all reviewer comments thoroughly in a point-by-point response, provide detailed explanations for any disagreements with reviewer suggestions, highlight changes in the revised manuscript, and resubmit your revised manuscript for further evaluation.

Please note that this decision does not guarantee acceptance, as the revised manuscript will undergo another round of review. We encourage you to carefully consider the reviewers' feedback to strengthen your work.

Final Decision: Major Revision

Sincerely,
Associate Editor, Comprehensive Health and Biomedical Studies

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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.

Reviewer 1: *"The article needs serious revision."*

Response to Reviewer 1:

*"Thank you for reviewing our manuscript. We acknowledge your concern regarding the need for substantial revisions. In response, we have conducted a comprehensive review and implemented several key improvements, including:

1. **Enhanced clarity and organization** in the introduction, ensuring a stronger connection between COVID-19's economic burden and healthcare systems.
2. **Refined methodology section** with more precise explanations of data collection, statistical analysis techniques, and inclusion criteria.
3. **Improved discussion section**, incorporating comparisons with relevant postpandemic studies and addressing cost trends more effectively.
4. **Strengthened readability**, making the manuscript more structured and fluent.

If there are specific areas that require further clarification or additional adjustments, we would greatly appreciate detailed feedback to ensure the highest possible quality of the manuscript. We hope that these revisions effectively address your concerns."*

Reviewer 2 Comment:

*"Greetings and regards. There are several points that need to be revised in the above article:

1. It is necessary to compare the results of this study with other studies that have addressed the post-COVID era.
2. The translation of this article is very literal, and it is recommended that it be retranslated into a native language."*

Response to Reviewer 2:

*"Dear Reviewer, Thank you for your valuable feedback and for reviewing our manuscript.

We have carefully considered your comments and made the following revisions:

1. **Comparison with post-COVID studies:** We have incorporated a comparative analysis by referencing studies that examine economic trends and healthcare cost reductions in the post-pandemic era. These comparisons are now explicitly included in the **Discussion** section, providing a broader perspective and supporting our findings with external validation.
2. **Improvement in translation quality:** We acknowledge the concern regarding the literal translation. To ensure greater fluency and accuracy, we have revised the

manuscript thoroughly, refining language use and improving readability. The revised
version now adheres more closely to academic writing standards while maintaining precision in conveying the study's findings.
We sincerely appreciate your insightful comments, as they have contributed to enhancing the
clarity and scientific rigor of our manuscript. We hope that these revisions address your
concerns effectively."*

2 Revision 1

1 comment · 17 May 2025

Editor-in-Chief

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