

Q1: The key word “COVID-19” is missing in the title.

A1: The title is “Epidemiological and clinical characteristics of 56 cases of COVID-19 in Liaoning Province, China” .

Q2: The “Author Contributions” section is missing.

A2: “Author Contributions” is added into the main text.

Q3: Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor;

A3: The figures using PowerPoint has been finished.

Q4: Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references.

A4: PMID and DOI numbers have been provided to the reference list and all authors of the references have been listed by searching on PubMed.

Q5: Please add the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text.

A5: “Article Highlights” section according to the requirements of the “Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision: Retrospective Study” have been added at the end of the main text.

Q6: Reviewer #1: The author mentioned specific symptoms of COVID-19 in Table 1 such as fever, cough, breath shortness, etc. It’s better to mention them again in the result section.

A6: In result section the following contents have been mentioned. “The

most common symptoms were fever (75.0%) and cough (60.7%), followed by shortness of breath (26.7%) and expectoration (21.4%). In serious cases (severe and critical cases), fever could last for 11.0 days, significantly longer than the 2.4 days in non-serious cases (mild and moderate cases) ($P<0.001$).”

Q7: Reviewer #2: The only suggestion was to make the format and style adjustment based on the requirements of the journal.

A7: According to “Format for Manuscript Revision: Retrospective Study” and “Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision: Retrospective Study” the format and style adjustment has been made.