

## Author's Response to Reviewer's Comments:

We appreciate thoughtful and thorough comments by the reviewers. We have revised our manuscript accordingly and feel it has improved and will be acceptable for publication. We have highlighted the changes in the manuscript. Following are the author's response to reviewer's comments.

Reviewer #1:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade B (Very good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (High priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:** intravenous ceftriaxone and azithromycin for 7 days The doses should be given more exactly A recent report on 204 patients positive for COVID-19 in Hubei.. In addition...

## Response:

1. Updated the manuscript with the doses of ceftriaxone and azithromycin.
2. Edited the manuscript for language as suggested by the reviewer "The doses should be given more exactly A recent report on 204 patients positive for COVID-19 in Hubei.. In addition..."
3. Edited the manuscript to add references suggested by the reviewer. Of note, one of the reference (Ref 11) was not available on pubmed.

Reviewer #2:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade E (Do not publish)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Rejection

**Specific Comments to Authors:** Dear authors: Your Letter present some information about SARS-CoV2 infection in humans, but your data are not sufficient for publication. Because, (1) though, you state the patient has only gastrointestinal symptoms, there is no any gastrointestinal symptoms described in the context, and there is no any evidence for gastrointestinal infection provided; (2) all the evidence you obtained indicate your case is a patient of asymptomatic COVID-19 pneumonia.

## Response:

In summary the reviewer stated that our case is a patient of asymptomatic COVID-19 pneumonia and there is no gastrointestinal symptoms. However, we have mentioned in the first line of the case that patient's chief complaints were nausea and diarrhea. She did not report any respiratory complaints. Patient's gastrointestinal symptoms were severe enough that she visited the ED and was diagnosed with COVID-19 pneumonia on further evaluation. Therefore, our case is clearly not a case of asymptomatic COVID-19 pneumonia. Based on the

reviewer's comments, we have added more information on patient's GI symptoms in the manuscript to avoid the confusion.

Reviewer #3:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade A (Excellent)

**Language Quality:** Grade A (Priority publishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (High priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:** The manuscript by Kant et al described a case of gastrointestinal problem without respiratory symptom. Certain amount (3 %) of COVID-19 have shown gastrointestinal symptom without respiratory problem. This case is interesting and should be shared by physicians.

### **Response:**

We appreciate reviewer's encouraging comments and would like to thank reviewer for taking time to review our manuscript.

Science Editor:

### **Response:**

1. Figure prepared using powerpoint
2. All references have pubmed numbers and DOI citation numbers (except reference 11, which was suggested by reviewer 2. We could not find it on pubmed)

Editorial Office director:

### **Response:**

1. References arranged as requested
2. CBC with differential is reported in manuscript