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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear author, 1) Improve your background and introduction by adding information such as: number of cases and deaths local, globally and emerging countries like Brazil for example. It is now important to report the number of cases globally and in emerging countries. I recommend using this article to reference case numbers of cases and deaths globally and emerging countries like Brazil: de Souza Ferreira, L.P., Valente, T.M., Tiraboschi, F.A, et al. Description of Covid-19 Cases in Brazil and Italy. SN Compr Clin Med. 2020. doi: 10.1007/s42399-020-00307-y Verity R, Okell LC, Dorigatti I, Winskill P, Whittaker C, Imai N, et al. Estimates of the severity of coronavirus disease 2019: a model-based analysis. Lancet Infect Dis. 2020;3099(20):1-9. WHO website in situation report:

https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200520-covid-19-sitrep-121.pdf?sfvrsn=c4be2ec6_2

1.1) I encourage add more information in the introduction. 2) Add the dates corresponding to the data collection in methods in the background. 3) In keywords I recommend replacing the descriptors: duration of hospitalization for "hospitalization" and speed of viral shedding for "Viral transmission" 4) You are using many numbers in parentheses to separate criteria, conditions in the part where you expose the materials and methods. Example: (1), (2), (3). - I recommend that you give space between the criteria and conditions and remove the numbers that are inside the parentheses, so it will make it easier for readers, the numbers can be easily confused. Example.... The diagnosis of mild COVID-19 infection must to meet the following criteria[7]: - Identification of 2019-nCoV via RT-PCR in nasopharyngeal swab samples; - Fulfill each of the following conditions: a. Respiratory distress (<30 times/min); b. Oxygen saturation>93% at rest; c. Arterial partial pressure of oxygen (PaO₂) / fraction of inspiration O₂ (FiO₂)>300 mmHg (1 mmHg = 0.133 kPa). Best



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Dear authors, The latest recommendations were followed correctly. The article appears to be relevant for clinicians. Best regards