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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript reports of a case where a Dengue fever infected individual was also co-infected with SARS-CoV-2. This is not a real surprise and one can think of many other co-infection with SARS-CoV-2 like Zika, malaria, West Nile fever and so on. So the relevance of this submission is unclear. I miss some deeper insight into biology or at least some in depth interpretation or discussion. Could Dengue patients be more susceptibility to SARS-CoV-2 infection, are there immunomodulatory effects in the case of co-infection or some other interesting or unexpected observations?



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This case is quite interesting and adds one more to the short list of other published reports. I would request the authors to provide the readers with a short review of published cases, underlying similarities and differences of the case presented by them with respect to those presented by others (reasons for originality? relevance?). Also I would suggest to provide their view on some aspects which could be relevant to discuss (e.g., false positive serological results for Dengue - see: YanG, LeeCK, LamLTM, et al. Covert COVID-19 and false-positive dengue serology in Singapore. *Lancet Infect Dis.* 2020;20(5):536; possible response to remdesivir, etc.). I would suggest some references (please check if they were already included or considered for discussion in the paper):

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The current proposal of that case report is interesting because the healthcare systems in all countries around the world faced incredible challenges with COVID-19 since its discovery. This case sheds light on the possibility of a diagnosis of COVID-19 and Dengue coinfection. However, the current proposal fails to address the following outstanding questions: 1- What is the possible link between COVID-19 and Dengue? 2- What is the possible rationale for increasing the percentage of Dengue infection in Brazil? 3- Is metformin having any possible protective effects in this case against: A- Covid-19? Reference: El-Arabey AA, Abdalla M. Metformin and COVID-19: A novel deal of an old drug. *J Med Virol.* 2020;10.1002/jmv.25958. doi:10.1002/jmv.25958. B- Dengue? Htun HL, Yeo TW, Tam CC, Pang J, Leo YS, Lye DC. Metformin Use and Severe Dengue in Diabetic Adults. *Sci Rep.* 2018;8(1):3344. Published 2018 Feb 20. doi:10.1038/s41598-018-21612-6. Consequently, the authors should refer to the possible theoretical answer for the previous outstanding questions or highlight them as a future directions.



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I am satisfied with the improvements made and have no further comments.



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