

Detailed responses to the reviewers and science editor comments

Reviewer 1.

We have made revisions throughout the manuscript which was also re-organized according to your comments

Results section, page 6, line 13 The math is correct. The 78 symptomatic patients and the 4 patients who died are referred to the 98 patients and not to the total number of patients (578). We have corrected the manuscript to further clarify this issue.

The manuscript was corrected by a native-English speaker.

Reviewer 2.

1.New data on burden of SARS-CoV-2 were added to the introduction section.

2.We have addressed all the issues raised and consequently we re-formatted the manuscript to ensure good quality of the submitted revision

3. Thorough revision and re-arrangement of the manuscript was made to get the paragraphs cohesion

Science editor

1.PMID, DOI and list of all authors were included in the citations.