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Response to Reviewers' comments

Dear Editor,

We thank you for your careful consideration of our manuscript. We appreciate your response and overall positive initial feedback and made modifications to improve the manuscript. After carefully reviewing the comments made by the Reviewers, we have modified the manuscript to improve the presentation of our results and their discussion, therefore providing a complete context for the research that may be of interest to your readers.

We hope that you will find the revised paper suitable for publication, and we look forward to contributing to your journal. Please do not hesitate to contact us with other questions or concerns regarding the manuscript.

Best regards,
SiQing Ma
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Reviewer #1

Could authors expand on the relation between Ultraviolet and COVID19 based on the references below? Polkinghorne A, Branley J. Evidence for decontamination of single-use filtering facepiece respirators. J Hosp Infect. 2020 Aug;105(4):663-669. doi: 10.1016/j.jhin.2020.05.032. Epub 2020 May 27. PMID: 32473179; PMCID: PMC7251398. De Larochelambert Q, Marc A, Antero J, Le Bourg E, Toussaint JF. Covid-19 Mortality: A Matter of Vulnerability Among Nations Facing Limited Margins of Adaptation. Front Public Health. 2020 Nov 19;8:604339. doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2020.604339. PMID: 33330343; PMCID: PMC7710830. Rathnasinghe R, Karlicek RF, Schotsaert M, Koffas MA, Arduini B, Jangra S, Wang B, Davis JL, Alnaggar M, Costa A, Vincent R, Garcia-Sastre A, Vashishth D, Balchandani P. Scalable, effective, and rapid decontamination of SARS-CoV-2 contaminated N95 respirators using germicidal ultra-violet C (UVC) irradiation device. medRxiv [Preprint]. 2020 Oct 6:2020.10.05.20206953. doi: 10.1101/2020.10.05.20206953. PMID: 33052360; PMCID: PMC7553180.

Response: We thank the Reviewer for the comment. We expanded the Discussion about ultraviolet and COVID-19 (Discussion, third paragraph).

Science Editor

(1)1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a retrospective study of the case series of COVID-19 patients from the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau Area in China. The topic is within the scope of the WJCC. (1) Classification: Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: This study was planned to assess the clinical characteristics and treatments of COVID-19 in the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau region of China. This plan is an interesting topic and a well-written manuscript. However, the questions raised by the reviewer should be answered; and (3) Format: There is 1 table and 2 figures. (4) References: A total of 34 references are cited, including 24 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There are no self-cited references; and (6) References recommend: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by peer reviewer(s), especially the references published by the peer reviewer(s) themselves. If the authors found the peer reviewer(s) request the authors to cite improper references published by themselves, please send the peer reviewer's ID number to the editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. A language editing certificate issued by MedSci was provided. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate, and the Institutional Review Board Approval Form. Written informed consent was waived. No academic misconduct was

found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an unsolicited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJCC. 5 Issues raised: (1) The title is too long, and it should be no more than 18 words; (2) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor; and (3) The “Article Highlights” section is missing. Please add the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text. 6 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Response: We thank the Scientific Editor for the comments. The title now has 12 words. We now provide the original figures in a PowerPoint file. We apologize for the error data in Figure 1A. we have revised it and provided an updated figure. We also provide the Highlights at the end of the main text.

Company Editor-in-Chief

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Clinical Cases, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office’s comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. The clinical research protocol was approved by the Institutional Review Board and the Ethical Committee of the Qinghai No.4 People’s Hospital and Institute [20200401].

Response: We thank the Editor-in-Chief. We removed the statement from the Abstract.