

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: *World Journal of Psychiatry*

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Provenance and peer review: Invited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

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Author's Country/Territory: Austria

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Scientific quality	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="radio"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="radio"/> Grade C: Good <input type="radio"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="radio"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="radio"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="radio"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="radio"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="radio"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="radio"/> Minor revision <input type="radio"/> Major revision <input type="radio"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors, This is a well written manuscript and I appreciate the fact that you have chosen such a relevant topic during this pandemic.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Firstly, thank you for opportunity to review very interested article. I don't feel qualified to judge about the English language and style due to not native language.

1. The title reflect the main subject about believing processes in bipolar disorder during the COVID-19 pandemic, title was clear and easy to understand.
2. The abstract summarize and reflect the work described in the manuscript. However, in BACKGROUND section line 1, the word "Cogn Emot" was incorrected.
3. The key words reflect the focus of the manuscript.
4. The manuscript adequately describe the background, present status, and significance of the study. The authors explain "believing", "bipolar disorder". However, in INTRODUCTION section, the word "Cogn Emot" was incorrected.
5. The manuscript describe methods in adequate detail, study subjects were clear, with demonstrate IRB number or text to human ethics consideration.
6. The research objectives achieved by the experiments used in this study.
7. The manuscript interpret the findings adequately and appropriately, highlighting the key points concisely, clearly, and logically.
8. Tables and figures sufficient, good quality and appropriately illustrative of the paper contents.
9. The manuscript meet the requirements of biostatistics.
10. The manuscript cite appropriately the latest, important and authoritative references in the introduction and discussion sections.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1) This is not a basic study. This is a case-control study. 2) Why was ARRIVE guideline provided? This study was not conducted on lab animals? 3) A valid Non-Native Speakers of English Editing Certificate was not provided. 4) Why was Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Approval Form or Document provided? This study was not conducted on lab animals? 5) An author should not provide Biostatistics Review Certificate themselves (if not an expert in Biostatistics). Please revise and resubmit in the correct form.

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1 Title: Believing processes during the COVID-19 pandemic in individuals with bipolar disorder: An exploratory study - The title reflect the main subject/hypothesis of the manuscript. It is intriguing and well established. 2 The abstract summarize and reflect the work described in the manuscript 3 Key words: COVID-19; Bipolar disorder; Cognition; Emotions; Judgement; Evaluation study - reflect the focus of the manuscript 4 The introduction refers to all the main aspects of the manuscript in an acceptable manner. In my view is a good starting point for this article. 5 Methods -adequate for this type of article and for journal orientation 6 Results: adequate for the assumed objectives 7 Discussion. Does the manuscript interpret the findings adequately and appropriately, highlighting the key points concisely, clearly and logically? Are the findings and their applicability/relevance to the literature stated in a clear and definite manner? Is the discussion accurate and does it discuss the paper's scientific significance and/or relevance to clinical practice sufficiently? - no more no less than needed. 8 Illustrations and tables. Are the figures, diagrams and tables sufficient, good quality and appropriately illustrative of the paper contents? Do figures require labeling with arrows, asterisks etc., better legends? - illustrations correspond to the results 9 Biostatistics - adequately addressed 10 Units. Does the manuscript meet the requirements of use of SI units? - not the case 11 References. Does the manuscript cite appropriately the latest, important and authoritative references in the introduction and discussion sections? Does the author self-cite, omit, incorrectly cite and/or over-cite references? - From 62 references 19 are from 2020 and 2021, so I consider a good proportion of new references 12 Quality of manuscript organization and presentation. Is the manuscript well,



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concisely and coherently organized and presented? Is the style, language and grammar accurate and appropriate? - everything seems very good regarding quality 13 Research methods and reporting. Authors should have prepared their manuscripts according to manuscript type and the appropriate categories, as follows: (1) CARE Checklist (2013) - Case report; (2) CONSORT 2010 Statement - Clinical Trials study, Prospective study, Randomized Controlled trial, Randomized Clinical trial; (3) PRISMA 2009 Checklist - Evidence-Based Medicine, Systematic review, Meta-Analysis; (4) STROBE Statement - Case Control study, Observational study, Retrospective Cohort study; and (5) The ARRIVE Guidelines - Basic study. Did the author prepare the manuscript according to the appropriate research methods and reporting? - improper addressed 14 Ethics statements. For all manuscripts involving human studies and/or animal experiments, author(s) must submit the related formal ethics documents that were reviewed and approved by their local ethical review committee. Did the manuscript meet the requirements of ethics? - not the case