

**1. Regarding the Reviewer's opinions "the novelty is not enough, and more than two years have passed"**We believe that this study is a clinical feature of elderly patients in the early stage of COVID-19, although COVID-19 epidemic has been more than two years, given that the virus is constantly mutating, understanding the early clinical characteristics of the virus is of positive significance for controlling the disease and predicting its future evolution.

**2. Regarding the Reviewer's opinion "similar studies already well known and well published"**Our study focused on the clinical characteristics of early COVID-19 in the elderly, especially in Wuhan, and there were few similar reports, As a geographically diverse population, it is a complement to a better understanding of the characteristics of the COVID-19

**3. Regarding the Reviewer's opinion"** the study sample is too small. How was this sample size calculated? Considering the number of cases of covid-19 in China, studying just the patients hospitalized in 1 month is not enough. Thus, you should analyze the cases of covid-19 for at least 6 months or 1 year".

In the early cases, the total number of cases was not as high as the current worldwide epidemic, especially the number of elderly patients in the hospital was relatively small, so we selected 234 patients in wuhan huoshenshan hospital according to the criteria.

As to why the study was conducted over a period of a month instead of a longer period of six months or a year, the main thrust of this study is the early impact of COVID-19 on older adults. In addition, Huoshenshan Hospital is a temporary hospital with a relatively short existence time, so there is no longer follow-up time. We will make up for this deficiency in future research

**4. Regarding the Reviewer's opinion"**Add the year and date of the approval of the ethics committee. Bold the significant P-values in the tables".

We have amended it as requested

**5.** We have added new perspectives on COVID-19 and updated references at the editor's suggestion

## **Round 2**

The article not original and data is old and sample size small

### **Reply:**

The records of 234 patients who were 65 years-old or more and were hospitalized in Wuhan Huoshenshan Hospital from February 4 to March 4, 2020 were reviewed. The total number of cases was not as high as the current worldwide epidemic, especially the number of elderly patients in the hospital was relatively small, and because of the fear of contagiousness early in the disease, limitations of testing conditions, many cases are not complete, and fewer cases meet the criteria, so this study did not include many samples. Although there are some similar reports, our study focused on the clinical characteristics of early COVID-19 in the elderly, especially in Wuhan, the focus is a little different. We believe that our study can enrich understanding of early elderly patients with COVID-19.