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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors, I have a few comments on your manuscript: - In Introduction, at the end of this part of manuscript, there is a very long sentence: "Therefore, the resources for managing this COVID-19 epidemic are very limited... might be expected". The sentence is dysgramatic. I also found other mistakes in English. Your manuscript should be re-reviewed by a native speaker of English. E.g. in 2.1 Demographics and clinical features: There should be "The first two SCZ patients were diagnosed..." (the word "were" is missing). In Funding: There should be "This work was supported by Sanming Project..." (the word "by" is missing). Table 1: There should be "Non-severe", not "Non-sever". - The part Methods and materials should be immediately after Introduction, before Results. The position of Methods and materials at the end of the manuscript is very non-standard. - 2.1 Demographic and clinical features: In the first sentence you write "By February 29...", the year should be stated, probably 2020. - You should give more informations about the organisation of the hospital. How many wards are there in the hospital? How many patients are hospitaliized at one ward? Do the patients meet each other among rooms or wards? If one patient is infected with COVID-19, does he or she have an equal opportunity to infect all other patients in the hospital, or is the risk of infection increased only in some patients, e.g. in the same room or at the same ward? The organization of the hospital and contacts among individual patients could have influenced your study results related to infected patients. - I am missing the data on the possible change of mental clinical state in the infected patients. Was there any change in their symptoms of schizophrenia at the time of their infection? - Discussion: The cough frequency may have been low because of the sedative influence of antipsychotic

medication. - Conclusion: At the end of this part of manuscript, in the sentence "These infected patients were older...": You write "...had a greater smoking rate..." In my opinion, it should be "...had a lesser smoking rate..." In the last sentence, you write that smoking may be protective from COVID-19 infection. The reviewer

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Dear authors, I do not have any other comments on your manuscript. The reviewer