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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

First of all, I would like to thank you for the invitation to review this article. Initially, what strikes me most is that this is an invited article and the authors did not even have the respect to format the manuscript according to the journal's rules. The article is completely badly formatted, out of order, and, to make matters worse, the submitted file is in reviewer mode, probably the article that was returned by the company that translated it. The authors haven't even reviewed this. The article was also sent as a "review" and this is not a review. It is an original study where the authors are exposing their experiences (of their service) in the face of the pandemic. This should also be reviewed. 1) item 2.1.1 seems to be described as a protocol to be followed by the service and not that it was done as follows: "Mild illness (e.g., small colorectal polyps) should be delayed" "The schedule should be arranged according to the potential severity of illness. Priority is given to patients who are old, frail, children, have a history of taking immunosuppressants, diabetes, and other immunocompromised patients. In our center, all patients were informed about the risk of virus infection, if they would like to receive endoscopy during the outbreak." 2) In item 2.1.2: Have all your patients undergone tomography? Tomography of what? You must make this clear. 3) Did you get to carry out emergency examinations of unstable patients, for example, due to cholangitis? Did even these patients have to undergo a CT scan? Did even these critically ill patients have to be moved to your sector? Were there no exams in the ICU or operating room? 4) In item 2.3: "If a patient was diagnosed with COVID-19 during follow-up, all the related medical staff had to stop working, and were quarantined at their home for at least 2 weeks. Related patients were contacted and quarantined as well." How many patients had this diagnosis? How many of the staff had to be removed and how many were diagnosed with the disease? 5) Item 3: "Green channel was preserved for acute"



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Green channel? What is it? Use academic and unpopular terms. 6) " All endoscopists, nurses, and healthcare personnel were trained in infection control and used personal protective equipment during endoscopy properly. " What protective materials were used? Did everyone use the same? After finishing each procedure, was the material discarded? 7) The items below, again, seem to be a protocol to be followed by the (future) team and not what was followed: "4.2 During daily working The symptoms and epidemiological history of patients were re-checked before further intervention. Keep a distance from each patient in the explanation step before the start of endoscopic intervention. Wash hands before and after contact with a patient, after contact with a potential source of infection, and before and after wearing and removing personal protective equipment, including gloves [9]. Three levels of protection are required in case of exposure to respiratory secretions, such as tracheal intubation, airway care, and sputum aspiration for general patients, as well as during performing any endoscopic procedure on confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infected patients [10]. The tissue samples obtained during endoscopy should be stored in a fixed area and the report of endoscopy should be provided to avoid cross infection. 4.3 After daily working Medical staff need to take off their disposable items in the exit channel, and put them in the medical waste bin. Seven-step hand-washing method should be applied. Take temperature before leaving endoscopy center. Change gown to personal clothes, and put the gown into a specific tub. When off duty, stay indoors and cooperate with the epidemic prevention management of the community. The manager of the endoscopy center should communicate with the hospital management team closely and regularly, monitor the outbreak closely, and change the plan quickly to maintain a sustainable and effective endoscopy service. " 8) "No hospital infection happened in our endoscopy center as described above. " 0 However, you mention that you had a remote team. Can you make that clear? 9) As for the mask made in your service: Has it been tested by any



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regulatory body? What evidence is it working? 10) “We hope that our experience can provide values for China and other countries, suffering from the pandemic of COVID-19.” This is not part of the conclusion of a scientific article. 12) Although the authors sent an English proofreading certificate, there are several spelling errors. I do not know if this article was reviewed before it was sent since they sent the article in review mode. 13) There is a boom in endoscopy articles versus COVID-19, their references must be expanded and formatted according to the journal's rules.



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Nicely written.



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The article is strategic on concerns of presenting management experience on COVID-19 however the related surge in increase rate of the pandemic calls for global shared knowledge among professionals and non-professional health workers and so the article is commendable, the article further confirmed the roles of physician policy implementers on the three-level screening strategy by Gao et al., and an innovative self-made gastroscope isolation mask., however only minor corrections were effected and highlighted by Dr. Julius W. Atogebania, therefore can be considered for publications .



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The study is aimed to report the authors' experience for management of an endoscopy center during the outbreak of COVID-19. The title is "Management of an endoscopy center during the outbreak of COVID-19: experience from West China hospital". 1. This is a review article. 2. Several factors influence the outcome of this management. Please discuss these factors. 3. What is the difference between management of COVID-19 and the other infectious diseases? Please discuss this. 4. Finally, please recommend the readers "How to apply this knowledge for routine clinical practice in the community hospitals?".



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The authors endeavored to make the article clearer and I acknowledge their efforts. From the first submission to the present date, many articles have been published on COVID-19 making their references out of date. My last suggestion is to submit the last systematic review on the subject: Moura DTH, McCarty TR, Ribeiro IB, Funari MP, Oliveira PVAG, Miranda Neto AA, Monte Júnior ES, et al. Diagnostic Characteristics of Serological-Based COVID-19 Testing: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. *Clinics (Sao Paulo)*. 2020;75:e2212. <https://doi.org/10.6061/clinics/2020/e2212>