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Lian-Sheng Ma
Science Editor
Company Editor-in-Chief

Dear Lian-Sheng Ma,

Re: World Journal of Orthopedics Manuscript No: 61049

The authors wish to thank the editor and reviewer for their time and effort in evaluating our manuscript for potential publication. We appreciate the chance to have submitted our work to you. We have attempted to address each of the concerns mentioned point by point below and hope they are adequate in this regard. Please note that our responses below are given following each of the reviewer's initial comments.

Reviewer #1

The authors introduce COVID-19 and its effects upon Orthopaedic Surgery in Trinidad and Tobago. We also can feel what the authors are feeling and experiencing. I recommend the authors provide more data regarding the impact of COVID-19 on private plastic surgery hospitals(centers). Is there any of them be closed due to financially issues? Or the solutions to these issues.

Response:

We have included one (1) additional paragraph (Line 164-176, 150 words) and one (1) reference (Ref 14) from the local experience here in Trinidad which addresses this issue .

Science Editor

Issues raised: (1) I found no "Author contribution" section. Please provide the author contributions; (2) I found the authors did not provide the original figures. 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; (3) I found the authors did not add the PMID and DOI in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout; (4) The author should number the references in Arabic numerals according to the citation order in the text. The reference numbers will be superscripted in

square brackets at the end of the sentence with the citation content or after the cited author's name, with no spaces.

Response

1. The author contribution section has been included, lines 275-278.
2. All figures have been arranged using PowerPoint to allow reprocessing by the editor.
3. PMID and DOI have been included in the references
4. The references and citations have been prepared as per the journal.

Company editor in chief

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Orthopedics, 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. Before final acceptance, uniform presentation should be used for figures showing the same or similar contents; for example, "Figure 1 Pathological changes of atrophic gastritis after treatment. A: ...; B: ...; C: ...; D: ...; E: ...; F: ...; G: ...".

Response

1. All figures have been made uniform for presentation.

Additional changes:

1. Figure 2. has been updated to reflect the number of cases up to Dec 25, 2020.
2. The total number of cases and deaths in Trinidad and Tobago has been updated to Dec 29, 2020 (Lines 91-92)

Yours sincerely,

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