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Dear editor

Editor-in-Chief

Hope this finds you well

Re: Revised Manuscript Submission (Manuscript No: 62594)

We would like to thank you and all reviewers for your time and insightful and qualified comments after reviewing our manuscript titled **"The current global research landscape on COVID-19 and depressive disorders: Bibliometric and visualization analysis"**.

We wish to thank the editor and reviewers again for their time in commenting on the draft manuscript, which we believe has strengthened the paper. Our responses to the comments are yellow- highlighted in the revised manuscript. We carefully addressed all comments of the reviewers. A point-by--by-point reply to the comments is given below. We hope that we appropriately address all comments.

We look forward to you and reviewers' comments on the manuscript and hope that the manuscript is given favorable consideration for publication in World Journal of Psychiatry.

Yours sincerely

Samah W. Al-Jabi

Reviewer reports:

Reviewer #1:

The current global research landscape on COVID-19 and depressive disorders: Bibliometric and visualization analysis. This paper focused on COVID-19 and its impact on mental health, which is interesting. Bibliometric analysis and visualization are used to study the Scopus-based depression research and COVID-19, which is worth to be read. The paper has been written clearly and the structure



is qualified, and tables and figures are well shown. The discussion may be deeper if clinical related meaning has been mentioned.

Response: I would like to thank you for the thorough reading of the manuscript and the professional comments and constructive recommendations, which help improve this manuscript's quality. We included some clinical perspective to discussion as you suggested by including the following paragraph "There is still limited information available on the COVID-19 pandemic's mental health impact in low- and middle-income countries [51]. The prevalence of depression symptoms in low- and middle-income countries is close to that recorded during the pandemic in most high-income countries [51]. People with a low socioeconomic status are also at a higher risk of contracting COVID-19 and its complications, which include death as well as mental health concerns [52, 53]. Notably, clinically relevant post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms were identified in about 30% of COVID-19-infected patients who required hospitalization at early stage of infection or months later [5, 54]. Immunological mechanisms and inflammatory biomarkers, fear of disease, anxiety about the future, stigma, traumatic memories of serious illness, and social alienation encountered by patients during the COVID-19 are all important psychological stressors that may interact in determining psychopathological outcome [55, 56].

Science editor:

1. *Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a Scientometrics of the COVID-19 and depressive disorders. The topic is within the scope of the WJP. (1) Classification: Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: Bibliometric analysis and visualization are used to study the Scopus-based depression research and COVID-19, which is worth to be read. The discussion may be deeper if clinical related meaning has been mentioned.. The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered; (3) Format: There are 4 tables and 2 figures; (4) References: A total of 61 references are cited, including 57 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There are 3 self-cited references; and (6) References recommendations (kindly remind): The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by the peer reviewer(s), especially references published by the peer reviewer(s) him/herself (themselves). If the authors find the peer reviewer(s) request for the authors to cite improper references published by him/herself (themselves), please send the peer reviewer's ID number to editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately.*



Response: I would like to thank you for the thorough reading of the manuscript and constructive recommendations, which help improve this manuscript's quality. I answered the *questions raised by the reviewers as they recommended.*

2. Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A. The manuscript is reviewed by a native English speaker.

Response: We thank you and reviewer for his/her thoughtful review of our work and kind words.

3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate and the PRISMA 2009 Checklist. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search.

Response: We are very thanks for this encouraging comment.

4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJP.

Response: We are very thanks for this encouraging comment.

5 Issues raised: The authors did not provide original pictures. 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.

Response: We carefully addressed all comments. A point-by--by-point reply to the comments is given. We hope that we appropriately address all comments.

6 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Response: We are very thanks for this encouraging comment.