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## Responses to Reviewers

Name of Journal: World Journal of Critical Care Medicine

Manuscript Type: Systematic review

Title: SARS-CoV-2(Covid-19), viral load and clinical outcomes in adults; lessons learned one year into the pandemic. A systematic review

Manuscript ID 63892

Dear Dr. Lian-Sheng Ma,

Science Editor; Peer Reviewer; Company Editor-in-Chief

I thank you for the review of the manuscript. I carefully read all the recommendations made by the peer reviewers, editorial office and made the necessary changes. I also read the guidelines and the format requirements necessary for submission. The changes are in the red color font in the revised manuscript.

1. I have added the phrase “Systemic review” to the title as required by the format requirement.
2. I have added author’s contribution statement.
3. I have added the conflict of interest statement.
4. I have added the PRISMA checklist statement.
5. The abstract has been re-written per the guidelines and format requirement for the systematic reviews.
6. The peer reviewer’s comments are important and I have added necessary discussion on the three negative correlation studies of high viral load and prognosis with plausible explanations.
7. The PMID and DOI are placed appropriately in the reference section.
8. The reference section includes all authors in the manuscripts. The whole reference section is redone per format requirements.
9. I have attached the BPG copyright and PRISMA checklist and the original FIG file.

I hope I have answered to all your questions and followed the journal guidelines.

Please let me know if any further documents are required.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to contribute an important topic to the journal.

Sincerely

Santosh Shenoy.