

Dear reviewer and editors:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewer's comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Clinical features of SARS-CoV-2-associated Encephalitis and Meningitis amid the COVID-19 pandemic" (NO.: 60563). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. Thanks very much for your kind work and consideration on publication of our paper. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer and editors' comments are as following:

To the Reviewer#1:

1. Comment: Very good review with data on time for this specific condition of COVID-19.

The Authors' Answer: Thank you very much for your recognition of our study and your hard work.

To Science editor:

1. Comment: Academic norms and rules: Please provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement;

The Authors' Answer: Thank you very much for your reminding. We have provided the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement, and uploaded them to the revision system.

2. Comment: I found the authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s);

The Authors' Answer: Thank you very much for your reminding. We have provided funding agency copy of any approval documents, and uploaded them to the revision system.. Our study was supported by Liaoning Provincial Department of Education Scientific Research Project (No. QNZR2020012), Henan Neural Development Engineering Research Center for Children Foundation (No. SG201905) and the National Key Research and Development Program of China (No. 2016YFC1306203).

3. Comment: 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;

The Authors' Answer: We have changed and checked the format of references. We have added the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references, and deleted repetitive or without PubMed numbers' references.

4. Comment: 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.

The Authors' Answer: We have numbered the references in Arabic numerals according to the citation order in the text. The reference numbers have been superscripted in square brackets at the end of the sentence with the citation content or after the cited author's name, with no spaces.

We tried our best to improve the manuscript and made some changes in the manuscript. These changes will not influence the content and framework of the paper.

We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers' warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

Thank you and best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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