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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Overall, this manuscript is written appropriately and there is a logical line of reasoning. I have some questions/suggestions, as follows. - “gastrointestinal symptoms”: did the mentioned studies take in consideration any confounding factor? For instance, in several countries, some antibiotics are used during viral infections, including COVID-19, even though there is no clear benefit (refer to: Antivir Chem Chemother. 2020 Jan-Dec;28:2040206620961712. doi: 10.1177/2040206620961712): can the use of this antibiotic may affect the frequency of gastrointestinal symptoms in COVID-19? (see: Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2019 Jan 18;1(1):CD011825. doi: 10.1002/14651858.CD011825.pub2. - “Fecal aerosols transmission”: the second paragraph of this subsection is not completely clear. Might the authors revise this point, in order to make it better linked to the first paragraph? Anyway, also the following paragraphs could be revised in order to explain better the concept of “fecal aerosols”. - “4.IMPLICATING ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS”: I would suggest changing and improve this title. What do the authors mean exactly with the term “implicating”? - Figures and tables are appropriate overall. - references are appropriate overall, even though should be completed/updated according to the comments and recommendations above

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The review manuscript entitled Transmission of SARS-Cov-2 via fecal-oral by Da Silva FAF et al. reviews the current evidence regarding the fecal-oral transmission of SARS-Cov-2, and the possible implications this has especially in developing countries. This review manuscript is excellent! It is very well-written, follows a logical order and cites the most current literature available for this topic. It was a pleasure to read it!! Definitely the information summarized here, contributes to a better understanding on another route of transmission of SARS-COV-2 which for what is known could be either due to fecal-oral transmission or through aerosolized particles. It will also provide a foundation for paying more attention to reinforce the preventive measures of cleaning and disinfecting to avoid transmission. There are very minor grammatical errors and typos.