

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. This analysis just included the GDP data of the second quarter (Q2) 2020, please explain why the authors choose the Q2 only. 2. The author mentioned about “China, which took aggressive measures to halt the spread and kept the mortality low at 3/million population was the only country that had a positive GDP growth.”, which should be interpreted with caution. Because the accuracy of the Covid-19-related mortality in China seems to be under-estimated and they did not take so-called “aggressive approaches” to prevent the distribution of Covid-19 at the beginning. Therefore, this is one of the reasons for explaining why China is the only country that had a positive GDP growth. 3. Although this study has some fundamental issues must be clarified, the impacts of Covid-19 pandemic on economic, medical treatments, etc. have to be investigated with a long-term follow-up.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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This is a valuable issue for post-Covid-19 pandemic research. Currently, this study just



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indicated a little impact on global economic. In the future, the real long-term impacts still have to be investigated.