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Pandemic: Experience of a Community Physician From a Rural Setting in India

Reply to the reviewers' comments

Reviewer Number	Original comments of the reviewer	Reply by the author(s)	Changes done on page number and line number
1	The title, abstract and keywords reflect the main subject/hypothesis of the manuscript. This manuscript is good if it highlights the major challenges and steps taken by India in the pandemic COVID-19, however the content is not well arranged, too general , the writing style and the English are not meeting the standard of a scientific paper to be published. It needs a major correction and re-arrangement of the manuscript content to be considered for publication in the journal.	The suggested changes have been done. Thank you	
1	What are the special solutions or measures taken in India especially in rural area in combating this disease that would impress foreign reader? It is better to mention solutions taken, rather than just mentioning problems that have been faced by the healthcare worker/system.	A separate section of challenges and solution have been added.	Line 234- 318, page 9-11
1	I would suggest to get a better English proofread and grammar correction before sending back the manuscript correction.	I have used a software (Grammarly-free version) to correct the	

		grammar, and also got the grammar corrected from a person fluent in English.	
1	Please refer to comments in the file attached.	The changes suggested in file have been incorporated.	
2	To the author of this manuscript, I consider this manuscript to represent a concise evaluation of the methods and changes occurred due to the pandemics, and to some extent the way each contributed to the outcome of each wave. The conclusions paragraph displays, I believe, the highest importance of the whole text.	The evaluation of steps is presented under the 'outcome' heading. A picture about the timeline of events also have been added for the clarity.	Line 320- 344, page 12 Figure 1

2	<p>However, the structural integrity of the manuscript represents, to my expertise, the weakest point. There are too many points, some of them being way too short to be fully separated. I consider that paragraph 12 - "At the primary health centre (PHC)" should become last, since it focuses only on a single area of the whole country, as opposed to the wider view of the rest of the subparagraphs. I strongly advise to merging several paragraphs into one, as follows: * p. 2 and 4 -- becoming "2". * p. 3, 6 and 9 -- becoming "3". * p. 5 and 7 -- becoming "4". * therefore, p. 8 would now become "5". * p. 10 would become numbered "6". * p. 11 would become "7". * p. 13 and 14 would merge and become "8". * p. 15 would be numbered "9". * p. 12 would become last, numbered "10".</p>	<p>The suggested changes have been done. Thank you</p>	<p>Line 52- 232, Page 3- 9</p>
2	<p>Line 40: "However, the strict lockdown in the urban areas and halt of public transport caused misery to a lot of migrated daily wage workers who had come for crop harvesting and they were struck in Haryana." Please avoid repeating the word "However".</p>	<p>The suggested change has been made in the manuscript.</p>	<p>Line 60, page 3</p>
2	<p>Also, in the same paragraph, check that the word "struck" should be replaced with "stuck" in order to ensure the intended meaning.</p>	<p>The correction has been made.</p>	<p>Line 62, page 3</p>
2	<p>Line 44: "People dependent on tobacco and alcohol had withdrawal symptoms and started purchasing it illegally. There was an increase in the number of patients in primary health care due to the lockdown." Is there any correlation regarding substance withdrawal and new</p>	<p>The correction has been done. Thank you.</p>	<p>Line 65-66, page 3</p>

	hospitalization numbers?		
2	Line 54: "The police department coordinated the execution of various plans and maintained law and order." Please elaborate on "various plans".	The details have been added.	Line 77, page3
2	Line 66: "Sometimes, people raised a few false alarms against their neighbour (related to being symptomatic or foreign travel) to settle their personal grudges." I believe this statement is slightly too bold for being published online. Please rephrase.	The sentence has been rephrased.	Line 267, page 10
2	Line 73: "Involvement of private health sector: Patients with influenza-like symptoms (ILI) sought care from private labs, chemists, and non-government clinics." There is no point in defining ILI unless you will use it further down the text.	We have used the term 'ILI' ahead in the paper.	
2	Line 88: Contact tracing and active case finding were highly resource-intensive activities, which were not useful in the later phase of the pandemic as community transmission had occurred." I suggest replacing "intensive" with "demanding".	The suggested change has been made.	Line 271, page 10
2	Line 90: "Also, the majority of the cases were asymptomatic, and the number of cases was out of proportion to trace." Are you referring to an outstanding number of cases compared to expectations? Or, rather, to a deeply underestimation of total cases resulting from the high proportion of asymptomatic subjects?	The sentences have been rephrased for better understanding of readers.	Line 273, page 10

2	Line 93: Please replace "come" with "present".	The suggested change has been made.	Line 115, page 5
2	Line 151: "There were steps taken to protect all the healthcare workers from COVID-19 like chemical prophylaxis (hydroxychloroquine), PPE use, and vaccinations." Please give further examples of substances used in prophylaxis - if any - and discuss cons and pros. Also, please define PPE.	change has been made.	Line 243, page 9
2	Line 162: I suggest rephrasing the title; for example, disease awareness strategies.	The suggested change has been made	Line 172, page 7
2	Line 196: Please add a comment regarding the inability of guidance to keep up with the rapidly advancing knowledge of disease. Please use attached file for following the mentioned lines.	The suggested change has been made	Line 317, page 11
Revision reviewer	Accept as it is.	Thanks for your comments.	