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Specific Comments to Authors:

The overall evaluation on this manuscript is very positive both in content, supporting evidence, methodology of research and format. The information is of great interest and brings together relevant data regarding the important impact of the COVID-19 pandemic within ICU personnel.

The title and abstract are concise and reflecting the work presented, as well as the choice of key words. There are some interesting perspectives and hypotheses presented as introduction and then discussed based on published research results.

The methodology is comprehensively presented and following the PRISMA criteria checklist. We consider the choice of keywords a valuable starting point and the use of Clinicaltrials.gov database could add value for future journal readership.

The results and the discussion sections may be considered a broad covering of the topic, well supported by relevant recent publications and including different perspectives (medical, psychological, individual and teamwork impact).

The manuscript is achieving the goals set by the authors and presents the role of psychologists' interventions around ICU staff, also mentioning the limitations and challenges the authors

encountered for this review and which future perspectives might be considered. The manuscript meets the ethics requirements for a systematic review.

A concise and well balanced approach is used for presentation, only few language adjustments may be needed (some long phrases that should be shortened for more clarity, an overuse of passive voice verbs that should be revisited).

Response: We thank Editor and reviewers for the positive consideration. We revised for language the entire manuscript and split long sentences into shorter and more concise ones. We avoided passive voice verbs when possible throughout the manuscript. I respond point-to-point to the two reviewers, whom I thank for their positive attitude.

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We thank you for appreciation.

Reviewer #2: I suggest to read the following articles for more richness of this research and cite to them: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10943-020-01151-z> <https://brieflands.com/articles/zjrms-118719.html> <https://jpcp.uswr.ac.ir/article-1-808-fa.html>

We thank you for the suggestion. We added the needed references in Discussion. Please find additions and citations in red-coloured characters.