



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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**Title:** Interpersonal psychotherapy-based psychological intervention for patient suffering from COVID-19: A case report

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<b>Language quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The manuscript has presented Interpersonal-psychotherapy-based intervention in a COVID-19 with successful outcome. There is novelty in the paper and adds to the existing body of knowledge on the subject. I would recommend the paper to be accepted.



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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Interesting case report. 1- Does patient have any neurological disorders? Discussion have to be improved. Please look at these references: - Exploring the clinical association between neurological symptoms and COVID-19 pandemic outbreak: a systematic review of current literature [published online ahead of print, 2020 Aug 1]. *J Neurol.* 2020;1-9. doi:10.1007/s00415-020-09978-y - The emotional impact of COVID-19: From medical staff to common people. *Brain Behav Immun.* 2020;87:23-24. doi:10.1016/j.bbi.2020.03.032 2- In your opinion, does telemedicine could improve the treatment of PTSD? Please look at this ref - Will COVID-19 change neurosurgical clinical practice? [published online ahead of print, 2020 Jun 1]. *Br J Neurosurg.* 2020;1-2. doi:10.1080/02688697.2020.1773399



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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

MS ID: 57067: Interpersonal-psychotherapy-based intervention for COVID-19: A case report, by Hu et al., 2020. This is a case report of use of interpersonal psychotherapy in a patient infected by COVID-19. Authors describe the intervention, session by session. After receiving IPT, the patient presented reduction in the score of Hamilton Depression Rating Scale, Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9), Hamilton Anxiety Rating Scale, and Generalized Anxiety Disorder. The report is interesting as convey an intervention during the public health emergency of 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. The effectiveness of the IPT in one single patient should be not stated, neither be generalized to other patients with COVID-19. Some acute symptoms of anxiety and depression are transitory reactions to COVID-19 and may normalize even without intervention. However, nothing consistent should be stated about the IPT for COVID-19 patients unless rigorous randomized controlled trials demonstrate the improvement. Is the IPT sessions delivered in person? The final diagnosis of COVID-19 is restrictive, as further mental health diagnoses should be also considered. Do discuss the hypothesis-setting contribution of this case report. How can you elaborate about the improvement? Is this reputed to intervention? How can you provide further evidence of your hypothesis?



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The case is sufficiently detailed, but the argumentation and conclusion are still deficient. Authors have partially addressed my earlier suggestions and comments. Please provide added value of the present case report, in terms of scientific evidence.