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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Thank you for submitting your article for possible publication. Your mini review is informative and accurate. However, there are three omissions that you might want to address if you revise your manuscript: 1. Inequalities in access to vaccines (a brief statement with supporting references would be sufficient. 2. The extent to which COVID-19 inequalities have affected the indigenous people of Brazil with a comment on similar inequalities in other countries. 3. The compounding effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on populations under stress from war or other armed conflict in, for example Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen.

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The authors mentioned that the impact of COVID-19 was more intense in the the most vulnerable communities which coexist daily with the social inequalities, risk factors to the increase of the contact, the spread, and the severity of the infection. They mentioned that the poor and socially deprived people affected more with more serious infection and mortality. My points of concerns are: 1. What was your methodology to conclude the statements and how did you search the articles published on COVID-19 and its infection inequality? 2. What search engines were used and how many articles searched and reviewed? A detailed flow chart is needed to clearly define your search. 3. A table describing the important articles on this subject with various findings are needed. More affluent families with obese population (developed countries like USA had maximum number of deaths by COVID-19) more uncontrolled systemic diseases are also more likely to get the infection and the serious infection and mortality. The article needs to be based on evidences rather than just a narrative views.