

Dear Editor,

We are grateful to the very constructive comments raised by the reviewers. The manuscript has been revised according to these comments. The revisions are marked by using the MS Word track changes. The point-by-point responses to the reviewers are enclosed with this letter. We are willing to address any further concerns of the reviewers and editors.

Best wishes,

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Response to reviewers' comments

Reviewer #1: Dear author, This is a well written article. However the significance of this study at this time of the pandemic is questionable. This would have been more significant during the early stages of this pandemic. Regards

Answer: Thanks for the comment.

Reviewer #2: The conclusions does not add brand-new knowledge, however the authors conducted a thorough study and thus should be accepted for publication.

Answer: Thanks for the comment.

Reviewer #3: Add study limitations and recent references

Answer: Thanks for your very constructive comment. We have added a limitation paragraph and updated the references (Ref. 15–17).