

## **Response Letter**

### **Reviewer #1:**

#### **Specific comments to Authors:**

1. It would benefit the discussion of the letter if the authors included more references to other studies or literature that either support or disagree with the conclusions of Sethi et al. Doing so would provide a more well-rounded analysis and contribute to a more robust discussion, which will add depth to the presented findings.

**Response:** Thank you for your insightful suggestion. In response to your comment, we have incorporated additional references to relevant studies that support the conclusions of Sethi et al.

2. The objective in the abstract could be more explicitly stated upfront. Rather than "this editorial investigates," the phrase "this editorial reviews" would be clearer, as it emphasizes that the letter is providing a synthesis of existing research rather than original experimental work.

**Response:** The phrase "this editorial investigates" has been replaced with "this editorial reviews" in the abstract.

3. Also in the abstract, instead of the broad statement, "Further research is necessary to refine treatment strategies and improve patient care," the authors should provide more concrete suggestions. For example, stating, "Further studies should focus on the long-term effects of dexamethasone treatment and its efficacy in different COVID-19 patient populations etc...." would give a clearer direction for future research. Overall, the manuscript is well-organized and written in a clear way, and the narrative is presented in an understandable way. However, in the discussion and in conclusion, the authors should place greater emphasis on the clinical relevance of their insights, not just summarizing the review by Sethi et al., by explaining how these findings can impact patient care and future clinical practices.

**Response:** We have revised the abstract to provide more concrete recommendations for future research. In the conclusion, beyond summarizing the findings of Sethi et al., we have elaborated on how these insights can influence patient care.