



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation



Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This letter provides insights into the role of dexamethasone in treating COVID-19 patients, specifically comparing the safety and efficacy of low-dose versus high-dose regimens based on the study of Sethi and colleagues. A notable strength of this letter is its comprehensive summary of the critical review of Sethi and colleagues, and assuring that the essential conclusions of the review paper are presented accurately and clearly in this letter. However, some key points should be revised/addressed before its publication in the World Journal of Virology. Comments and recommendations: 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. 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. 3. Also in the abstract, instead of the broad statement, "Further research is necessary to refine



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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.



RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The authors have addressed my comments, and input the needed changes. I accept their rebuttal and I suggest this paper to be published in the World Journal of Virology.