



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Language quality</b>	<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
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

To the author of this manuscript, I consider this manuscript to represent a concise evaluation of the methods and changes occurred due to the pandemics, and to some extent the way each contributed to the outcome of each wave. The conclusions paragraph displays, I believe, the highest importance of the whole text. However, the structural integrity of the manuscript represents, to my expertise, the weakest point. There are too many points, some of them being way too short to be fully separated. I consider that paragraph 12 - "At the primary health centre (PHC)" should become last, since it focuses only on a single area of the whole country, as opposed to the wider view of the rest of the subparagraphs. I strongly advise to merging several paragraphs into one, as follows: \* p. 2 and 4 -- becoming "2". \* p. 3, 6 and 9 -- becoming "3". \* p. 5 and 7 -- becoming "4". \* therefore, p. 8 would now become "5". \* p. 10 would become numbered "6". \* p. 11 would become "7". \* p. 13 and 14 would merge and become "8". \* p. 15 would be numbered "9". \* p. 12 would become last, numbered "10". Line 40: "However, the strict lockdown in the urban areas and halt of public transport caused misery to a lot of migrated daily wage workers who had come for crop harvesting and they were struck in Haryana." Please avoid repeating the word "However". Also, in the same paragraph, check that the word "struck" should be replaced with "stuck" in order to ensure the intended meaning. Line 44: "People dependent on tobacco and alcohol had withdrawal symptoms and started purchasing it illegally. There was an increase in the number of patients in primary health care due to the lockdown." Is there any correlation regarding substance withdrawal and new hospitalization numbers? Line 54: "The police department coordinated the execution of various plans and maintained law and order."



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Please elaborate on "various plans". Line 66: "Sometimes, people raised a few false alarms against their neighbour (related to being symptomatic or foreign travel) to settle their personal grudges." I believe this statement is slightly too bold for being published online. Please rephrase. Line 73: "Involvement of private health sector: Patients with influenza-like symptoms (ILI) sought care from private labs, chemists, and non-government clinics." There is no point in defining ILI unless you will use it further down the text. Line 88: Contact tracing and active case finding were highly resource-intensive activities, which were not useful in the later phase of the pandemic as community transmission had occurred." I suggest replacing "intensive" with "demanding". Line 90: "Also, the majority of the cases were asymptomatic, and the number of cases was out of proportion to trace." Are you referring to an outstanding number of cases compared to expectations? Or, rather, to a deeply underestimation of total cases resulting from the high proportion of asymptomatic subjects? Line 93: Please replace "come" with "present". Line 151: "There were steps taken to protect all the healthcare workers from COVID-19 like chemical prophylaxis (hydroxychloroquine), PPE use, and vaccinations." Please give further examples of substances used in prophylaxis - if any - and discuss cons and pros. Also, please define PPE. Line 162: I suggest rephrasing the title; for example, disease awareness strategies. Line 196: Please add a comment regarding the inability of guidance to keep up with the rapidly advancing knowledge of disease. Please use attached file for following the mentioned lines.



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The title, abstract and keywords reflect the main subject/hypothesis of the manuscript. This manuscript is good if it highlights the major challenges and steps taken by India in the pandemic COVID-19, however the content is not well arranged , too general , the writing style and the English are not meeting the standard of a scientific paper to be published. It needs a major correction and re-arrangement of the manuscript content to be considered for publication in the journal. What are the special solutions or measures taken in India especially in rural area in combating this disease that would impress foreign reader? It is better to mention solutions taken, rather than just mentioning problems that have been faced by the healthcare worker/system. I would suggest to get a better English proofread and grammar correction before sending back the manuscript correction. Please refer to comments in the file attached.



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