
Peer-Review Report

Peer Review of "Postacute Sequelae of COVID-19 and Adverse Psychiatric Outcomes: Protocol for an Etiology and Risk Systematic Review"

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KEYWORDS

COVID-19; long COVID; post-COVID-19 condition; postacute sequelae of COVID-19; PASC; psychiatry; epidemiology; evidence-based medicine

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Round 1 Review

Serious Concerns

Do you have any serious concerns about the manuscript such as fraud, plagiarism, unethical or unsafe practices?

No.

Have authors' provided the necessary ethics approval (from authors' institution or an ethics committee)?

Yes.

Language Quality

How would you rate the English language quality?

High quality.

Validity and Reproducibility

Is the reasons for conducting the study and its objectives clearly explained?

No.

Is the study design appropriate?

Yes.

Are sufficient details provided so that the method can be replicated?

Yes.

Are datasets available so that others could use them?

Not applicable.

Suggestions

Based on your answers in section 3 how could the author improve the protocol?

As an important part of a review is the declaration of the purpose of the protocol [1], the Introduction section should be the core of the article. However, after reading the beginning of the paper, I realized the seriousness of COVID-19, but I could not see the key point of the research. There are a lot of data to emphasize the worse outcomes, but I do not know how these data contributed to the relationship between the major topic of postacute sequelae of COVID-19 and adverse psychiatric outcomes; for example, the narrative on the effect of therapies. Hence, a more organized structure for the Introduction section with more conciseness would be easier for the readers.

Decision

Requires revisions: The manuscript contains objective errors or fundamental flaws that must be addressed and major revisions are suggested.

Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

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Reference

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