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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)

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<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> This study is interesting for several reasons: it was conducted during the period of high prevalence of Covid-19, for the participants selected (elderly) and for some of the variables evaluated. However, because as it was carried out at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, an extreme public health context, I think it could have been very important to include variables related to this situation (for example, whether they were infected or not, if they had a sick family member or not, concerns related to this condition, etc.), as well as if they lived alone or were cared for by someone. The analysis of these variables could have enriched the evaluation of the other measures found. I think the title be more suitable, like this: "Depression and Quality of Life among Elderly in Dhaka during the Covid-19 Pandemic". Yes, the abstract is complete in general terms, however, it would be important to include the scales administered. Yes, it is. This manuscript is formally correct, but in my opinion the scientific approach was not complete in addressing the problem in question. The exclusion of variables related to the Covid pandemic, could have limited the analysis and the establishment of associations between the main variables: quality of life and depression in the elderly. Perhaps the authors could clarify the reasons for this. It is recommended that all references follow the recommendations of the journal (Asian Journal of Medicine and Health). This includes removing the months from each reference and adjusting the number of authors listed. On the other hand, I do not consider it appropriate to include the following references: (i) number 4, from the year 1981, which can be adequately replaced by a more recent one, (ii) number 10, which is based on the situation of a group of single women who have to provide for their households; in my opinion, a more recent article should be selected, which examines the impact of the economic situation experienced specifically during the pandemic (eg. www.imf.org/en/Publications/WP/Issues/2021/11/19/State-Level-Health-and-Economic-Impact-of-COVID-19-in-India-509673), and iii) number 11, which was used to refer to health measures during the pandemic, but this paper refers specifically to protocols related to air travel and the impact on tourism, which is a more selective topic, therefore a article covering more general aspects should be considered. It is also important to complete the data from reference 19. <p>Other comments: The last paragraph of the Discussion, which corresponds exactly to reference 19, should be corrected as follows: "In a previous study, it was found, depression in elderly increases physical QOL, psychological QOL, social QOL and vice versa. No significant relationship emerged between depression and environment quality of life". Instead, the correct phrase is: "As depression in elderly increases Physical QOL, Psychological QOL, Social QOL, overall QOL and overall health decreases and vice versa" (Rasquinha and Acharya).</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? 	<p>Yes, the English quality is suitable and the information is clear.</p>	
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PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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