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Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_108216
Title of the Manuscript:	Post-Covid-19 clinical Symptom Frequency and Associated Factors in a Cohort of Patients discharged from the ICU and Monitored for 12 Months, in Libreville, Gabon
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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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)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</p>	<p>The study is important as it provides essential information to understand the profile of long COVID in sub-Saharan Africa, where the consequences of COVID-19 appear to be different in terms of prevalence.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes; abstract is adequate</p> <p>Inadequate; more data as mentioned in general comments needs to be incorporated to make it more scientifically relevant</p> <p>Inadequate; more data as mentioned in general comments needs to be incorporated to make it more scientifically relevant</p> <p>Yes, references are adequate</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes, language is appropriate</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>(i) Why No Objective measures of recovery have been included like 6-Minute Walk Test Distance (6MWT), frailty (Clinical Frailty Scale), quantification of falls following hospital-discharge, return to work status and exercise levels.</p> <p>(ii) Why no Subjective markers like mentioned below been included to assess symptoms (COVID-19-Specific Patient Concerns Assessment), fatigue (Chalder Fatigue Score) and health-related quality of life (HrQOL) [Short-Form-36 Health Survey Questionnaire (SF-36-II)].</p> <p>(iii) Why has the impact of exercise, and other rehabilitative strategies on physical functioning outcomes following COVID-19 not been included</p> <p>(iv) Statistical tests like paired analysis using one-way analysis of variance and correlation analysis with Spearman correlation tests could have been used to get a better analysis</p> <p>(v) Why no Logistic regression models were used to evaluate risk factors for fatigue, dyspnea, symptom burden, or higher (COPD) assessment test (CAT) scores?</p> <p>(vi) Were pulmonary function tests and chest imaging performed at each visit?</p> <p>(vii) Pathogenesis of long COVID and necessary interventions to reduce the risk of long COVID have not been discussed at length.</p> <p>(viii) Correlation with initial disease severity, if any, has not been examined</p> <p>(ix) Exclusion criteria has not been defined</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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