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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>English language must be revised, as long as punctuation.</p> <p>Line 55: The authors report higher mortality rates than other countries, but no data are reported to support it.</p> <p>Line 71: methods should be improved. There are no information about the source of the data.</p> <p>Chapter 3.2. The chapter is entitled "Effect of..." but the content describes co-morbidity and co-infection rates only. The word "Effect" is not appropriate but it should be modified as "presence of".</p>	
Minor REVISION comments	<p>Line 6: "a lot" could be substituted by "many".</p> <p>Line 7-8 and 55-56: the question should be written as indirect form and not as direct question and "excess of deaths" as "mortality".</p> <p>Line 13: Yemen should round bracketed.</p> <p>Line 14: "after were admitted" it could be better explained as "after being admitted" or "after the admission".</p> <p>Line 17: is unclear. "a total of 27 confirmed COVID-19 patients". Maybe, 27 patients were tested positive confirmed?</p> <p>Line 24: sentences should not begin with numbers.</p> <p>Line 43: Mortality and infection rates must be updated to date.</p> <p>Line 59-62: References are needed.</p> <p>Line 22 and 94: the patient has hepatitis C or B as co-morbidity???</p> <p>Table 1: age ratio is not correctly calculated.</p> <p>Chapter 3.2: percentages should be calculated on the basis of the partial results, i.e. 1/3 (33.3%) with TB and so on.</p> <p>Figure 1 caption and line 111: the word "severe" should be omitted. Severity is related to clinical features of a disease but the authors are writing about mortality.</p> <p>Line 120-122: It should be reliable to focus on Dengue-COVID-19 co-infection finding and include references on this topic.</p>	
Optional/General comments	<p>The authors describes high rates of mortality on the basis of 27 patients only, which 10 died because of COVID-19 related causes. In addition, they describe higher susceptibility of male patients then female but it is based only on percentages. Moreover, it should be underlined that the sample unit is too small to give rise to any Significance.</p>	

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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