

### Review Form 3

Journal Name:	<a href="#">Asian Journal of Research in Biochemistry</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJRB_120969
Title of the Manuscript:	Diabetes as risk factor for sick people hospitalized for pneumonia during the Covid-19 period in a hospital in Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Type of the Article	

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>The relationship of diabetes and Covid 19 is an excellent area for investigation as many people have diabetes type I and II. The manuscript mixes non Covid with Covid subjects and then tries to determine the influence of diabetes (type 1?) on the outcome of the event. Each group should be studied separately and then with diabetes. 205 patients were admitted for viral pneumonia, 122 had Covid. This leaves a group of 83 without Covid. These are the two main groups.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>Yes, but leave out sick people, of course they are sick, they are hospitalized!</p>	
<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>The abstract can be confusing. "The overall mortality rate was 21.5% including 12.7% with diabetes (which is misspelled in manuscript) I think this means 21.5% of 205 or 46.225 subjects died of those 12.7% or 5.8 were diabetic. This does not make sense.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>No, they should be divided into Covid, Non Covid and the pneumonia group. There is mixed messaging.</p>	
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>Ass stated above, there is a mixing of groups of data and conclusions are poorly drawn. There should be a separate group of Covid, Non Covid and Pneumonia non look at the diabetes in these groups and determine if there is any influence.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. =</p>	<p>Generally, yes there are few old references and a few newer could be added.</p>	
<p><u>Minor</u> REVISION comments  Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Generally, diabetes is misspelled in several places.</p>	
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>	<p>I don't see how this paper adds to the body of literature the way that it is written. What's new?! Reworking the data may hold a key to this question.</p>	

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**PART 2:**

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

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