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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Research in Infectious Diseases
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJRID_128156
Title of the Manuscript:	ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19 IN TOGO
Type of the Article	Descriptive and analytical retrospective study

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PART 1: 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>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript addresses a significant gap in data regarding the relationship between hypertension and COVID-19 in Togo. By providing detailed epidemiological, clinical, and prognostic insights, it highlights the substantial prevalence of hypertension in COVID-19 patients and its correlation with disease severity. These findings are particularly relevant for healthcare systems in resource-limited settings, guiding patient management strategies and improving outcomes for hypertensive patients with COVID-19. Additionally, the study contributes to the global understanding of comorbidities in COVID-19, emphasizing the importance of targeted care for high-risk populations.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title, "High Blood Pressure Associated with COVID-19 in Togo," is clear and provides a concise summary of the study's focus. However, it could be made more specific and engaging by highlighting the study's scope and findings. I suggest the alternative title: "The Impact of Hypertension on COVID-19 Severity in Togo: A Retrospective Study".	
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.	The abstract provides a clear summary of the study's objectives, methods, results, and conclusions. However, it could be improved by specifying key findings, such as the prevalence of hypertension and its statistical association with disease severity, to better capture the study's impact. Additionally, including a brief mention of the study's limitations would enhance the abstract's comprehensiveness.	
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	The manuscript appears scientifically accurate, with a robust methodology and clear presentation of results. The use of statistical analyses supports the validity of the findings. However, a discussion on potential confounding factors and limitations in the data collection process could strengthen the scientific rigor.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are adequate and include relevant studies; however, some are slightly outdated. Adding recent references from 2023 or 2024 that explore similar topics, particularly regarding hypertension and COVID-19, would enhance the manuscript's relevance and alignment with current research.	
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The language quality is generally adequate for scholarly communication, but some sentences require grammatical refinement for clarity and conciseness. Editing for smoother transitions and removing redundancies would improve readability and the overall presentation. Some changes were suggested and flagged in the text.	
Optional/General comments	This manuscript demonstrates significant scientific value and relevance but requires minor revisions to improve language clarity, reference updates, and possibly a more detailed discussion of limitations.	

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <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>
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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