

## Review Form 1.6

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Type of the Article	Study Protocol

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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)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>The idea of this study protocol is interesting as it deals with accuracy of COVID-19 monitoring by PCR technique. However, I recommend major revising for the abstract and introduction sections as in the below points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please explain what each abbreviation means when they are first mentioned in manuscript like HRCT and CRP.</li> <li>- Many paragraphs in introduction are left with no reference.</li> <li>- I would recommend to explain the principle of RT-PCR as diagram or scheme that explain basic steps.</li> <li>- For the introduction, I would recommend rewrite this section to make it more concise and with better grammar. I find that the introduction and principle of RT-PCR sections are very long and this make it hard to catch the flow of facts and ideas.</li> <li>-The study design in figure 1 is very good and explain the study protocol.</li> <li>- You mention that diagnosing COVID-19 may be improved by better techniques like droplet digital PCR (dd-PCR). It would be better to explain this point more as it very interesting.</li> <li>- I think there is no need to put table 1 (Lab Values Elevated in COVID-19) in this study protocol.</li> </ul>	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
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