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| PART 1: Comments | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **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.** | **Scientifically the paper is appropriate as it tried to focus on the future problems.** | We are very thankful for the positive feedback from the reviewer. |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | **Yes** | We are very thankful for the positive feedback from the reviewer. On our title, many reviewers suggested changing it, so we decided to go with  “Lessons from COVID-19 for Future Pandemic Preparedness: Bridging Systemic Gaps in Health Systems and Global Response” |
| 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. | **Yes.** | We are very thankful for the positive feedback |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | Yes | We appreciate the positive feedback from the reviewer. |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | Yes but add some more references in introduction part and also add some charts for the clear understanding of the paper. | We added many more references on the entire research, and thank you for the kind suggestion; Also, thank you for your valuable suggestion regarding the inclusion of charts to enhance the paper's clarity. We've carefully considered this, but we've respectfully decided to maintain the current format of an opinion article. |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | Yes but there are minor grammatical mistakes in the paper so kindly go through it again. | We thank the reviewer for their feedback, and we have revised it and corrected the mistakes. We believe these are all of them. |
| Optional/General comments |  | We thank the reviewer for all suggestions, and we will do our best. |

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|  | **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)* |
| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* | We confirm that there are no known ethical issues with the manuscript. |