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| **PART 1: Com****ments** | | |
|  | **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.** | Beneficial and it is an important concept, contributing in the research field | We thank Reviewer for feedback, we think It offers timely and critical reflection on systemic failures exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, addressing crucial future challenges. And then advocates for actions by providing valuable guidance for policymakers, public health officials, and the scientific community on how to build a more resilient and responsive global health system |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Yes need little modification | Thanks for reviewr feedback, we agreed to change titile to “Lessons from COVID-19 for Future Pandemic Preparedness: Bridging Systemic Gaps in Health Systems and Global Response” Appreciate it |
| **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 | Thanks to the reviewer for stating that our abstract is comprehensive. We're glad it gets our main points across |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | Yes | Thanks to the reviewer for confirming that the manuscript is scientifically correct. |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | References should be increase in numbers | Thanks to the reviewer, we added some references for the following   * support for the claim Pandemic can be worse than wars, we edited the paragraph little and cited it. * Cited “Now in its sixth year of circulation, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)—the virus that causes COVID-19—continues to evolve and infect people, leading to serious disease, post-COVID-19 condition (also called Long COVID), and deaths” * Cited consistent science-based response framework can lead to an improper response to the pandemic in an effective manner * Referenced “neglect, panic, repeat" cycle—chronic underfunding followed by reactive emergency spending during crises.” * Cited the delayed release of early labs by China * Pandemic led to significantly higher rates of illness and mortality among people of color, with Black and Hispanic communities experiencing a threefold greater reduction in life expectancy compared to White individuals – 1st reference * Same sentence followed by “Beyond mortality, specific communities faced exacerbated mental health challenges; in April and May 2020, Hispanic respondents reported significantly elevated rates of depression (40.3%), suicidal thoughts (22.9%), and increased substance use (36.9%)—figures notably higher than those seen in their White counterparts” * The surge in inappropriate human albumin solution (HAS) use during the COVID-19 pandemic further strained healthcare resources and underscored system vulnerabilities in evidence-based medication governance amid crisis conditions. * This dynamic was clearly exemplified during the COVID-19 pandemic, where vaccine hesitancy emerged as a major challenge to epidemic control. Vaccine acceptance rates varied widely across regions, notably in the Middle East/North Africa (MENA), Europe, Central Asia, and Western/Central Africa, underscoring the influence of public trust and perception on adherence to critical health interventions   We hope this is sufficient |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | Yes | We thank the reviewer for positive feedback on our quality of language. |
| **Optional/General** comments |  | We thank the reviewer for their feedback to enhance our research |

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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. |