

Peer Review File

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Reviewer A

Comment 1: Another valuable point (is) that about 71.8% of them have the knowledge of the COVID-19 spreading process and around 56.4% of them know how to maintain necessary protection to do not (without avoiding may be better instead of to do not avoid) avoid COVID-19 affected person.

It was an online based cross-sectional study among the Bangladeshi population aged. Both male and female adult populations aged below and above 18 years residing in Bangladesh were the study population would be, "an online-based cross-sectional study among over 18 years of both male and female bangladeshi population."

Reply 1: done

Reviewer B: In this present study, Ferdous et al. aimed at assessing the level of awareness and attitude toward COVID-19 among Bangladeshi general people using a cross-sectional study design and online social media platform. Their study title, rationale, objectives, and methods look clear and appropriate. And, they reported to found a favorable awareness and attitude in the given context. However, there are several observations which are indicated in the following general and specific comments.

Comment 1: There are several grammatical issues throughout the paper.

Reply 1: Checked and corrected

Comment 2: The sample size is too small to reflect the population generalizability of the country.

Reply 2: Due to limited access to internet and other logistic support, it was not possible to bring a large number of people of the country under this study

Comment 3: The authors can be benefited from the technical and language editors to improve the quality of the paper.

Reply 3: Checked and done

Specific comments:

Abstract:

Comment 4: Revise the whole abstract. The conclusion should reflect the nature of the main findings of this study.

Reply 4: Done

Introduction:

Comment 5: Page 3 line 73, use full form of 'WHO' before abbreviated.

Reply 5: Done (Page 2 line 59)

Comment 6: Page 3 line 76, what specific time is meant by 'to the date'?

Reply 6: Done (Page 2 line 60)

Comment 7: Page 3 lines 79-81, lockdown period from 26th March to indefinite time?

Reply 7: Done (Page 2 line 64)

Comment 8: I didn't find any existing information/literature related to awareness and attitude towards COVID-19 among general population of the country or regional/global perspective!

Reply 8: Checked and added

Comment 9: The background or story telling information should be revised. And, the awareness- and attitude-related data should support and strengthen the rationale of this current study.

Reply 9: Revised and Checked

Comment 10: Page 4 lines 94-95, check grammar.

Reply 10: Done (Page 2 line 75-77)

Methods:

Comment 11: Page 5 line 100, “Bangladeshi population aged” at what age year?

Reply 11: Corrected (Page 3 line 88)

Comment 12: Page 5 lines 100-101, how the under 18 individuals could be regarded as adults? What about the individuals exactly aged 18 years as the authors recruited below and above 18 only? How were the ethical issues addressed for such kind of under 18 aged respondents?

Reply 12: Corrected (Page 3 line 88-89)

Comment 13: Page 5 lines 102-103, revise the statement.

Reply 13: Corrected (Page 3 line 90-94)

Comment 14: Page 5 lines 105-106, check grammar.

Reply 14: Corrected (Page 3 line 95-100)

Comment 15: Page 5 lines 111-112, revise the statement.

Reply 15: Revised (Page 3 line 95-106)

Comment 16: Page 5 lines 116-117, check grammar.

Reply 16: Checked all

Comment 17: Reference is needed to define the dyslipidemia.

Reply 17: Corrected

Comment 18: Page 5 lines 119-120, revise the statement.

Reply 18: Corrected

Results:

Comment 19: Page 6 lines 130-131, check grammar.

Reply 19: Checked in all result section

Comment 20: Page 6 line 132, please define the ‘majority’ providing the exact

percentage.

Reply 20: Added (Page 4 line 116)

Comment 21: Page 6 line 133, check grammar.

Reply 21: Added (Page 4 line 117)

Comment 22: Page 6 line 137, check grammar.

Reply 22: Added (Page 4 line 121)

Comment 23: Page 6 lines 138-142, the form of tense of the descriptions should be synchronized with others.

Reply 23: Added (Page 4 line 121- 134)

Comment 24: Page 6 line 143, “people” or “people’s”?

Reply 24: Added (Page 4 line 126)

Discussion:

Comment 25: Page 7 lines 169-171, remove this irrelevant content “This finding is consistent with other studies that have shown satisfactory knowledge levels across the Bangladeshi population, such as dengue [15].” and compare with the relevant national data if any.

Reply 25: Revised (Page 5 line 142-143)

Comment 26: Page 7 lines 171-173, this content “Among all participants, 53.3% were unemployed, and unfortunately, 9.7% became unemployed due to COVID-19 outbreak, whereas the employment rate was 36.9% (Supplementary table number 1).” seems unnecessary.

Reply 26: Revised and corrected (Page 5 line 142-147)

Comment 27: Page 8 lines 200-201, revise the statement “But we should bear in mind that that we can combat the infection and that we can combat the infection and that with necessary protection with necessary protection we can combat the infection with the necessary protection.”

Reply 27: Revised and corrected (Page 6 line 177-180)

Comment 28: Page 8 lines 212-214, revise the statement “Another initiate the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) to get back suitable job to those people should be taken by the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) to get back a suitable job to those who became unemployed coronavirus outbreak.”

Reply 28: Revised and corrected (Page 6 line 189-191)

Comment 29: I didn't see any comparison of the study findings with any relevant findings from other national or regional or global studies!

Reply 29: Revised

Comment 30: What were the limitations of this study?

Reply 30: As this survey was conducted using internet and online tools, a large population residing in rural area possibly were out of this survey as they have limited access to internet.

Comment 31: How will this study enrich the existing literature, in terms of new findings from this study?

Reply 31: As different studies observed on knowledge, awareness towards COVID-19. But no concrete data was observed about social attitudes towards COVID-19. As well as the awareness is concerned, social behavior from friends and family towards COVID-19 patients is much more important that may affect the mental health.

Conclusion:

Comment 32: The contents are redundant! Revise the conclusion by removing the unnecessary contents and providing a concise information exactly to the point focusing the main study findings.

Reply 32: Revised