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Reviewer comments

The editorial is well written, of the right length and accurately presents the problem of declining awareness of the still circulating SARS-CoV-2 virus. I have only 2 minor comments:

- We are thankful for these valuable comments on our work. We will do our best to improve the manuscript according the suggestions.

1) I would just tone down the statement in line 47 f. a bit and add a "may", because it cannot be proven in which regions a dramatic underreporting really takes place: "...numbers that may be significantly underestimated due to a dramatic burden of undertesting and/or underreporting (4)."

- ANSWER: Thanks for this comment, that we completely agree with. Text revised accordingly.

2) I would expand the sentence in line 107 on cost-effectiveness a bit, since asymptomatic individuals who are not urgently suspected of exposure do not need PCR testing if they were previously negative in the antigen test. Therefore, I suggest the following clarification: "...that SARS-CoV-2 antigen testing in conjunction with molecular assays conducted in exposed individuals who are antigen-negative despite of symptoms, appears to be the most cost-effective approach compared with molecular or antigen testing alone (16,17)."

- ANSWER: Thanks for this very valuable comment. Text modified exactly as indicated.