

## Peer Review Report

# Review Report on Title: Governance and Public Health Decision-Making during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Scoping Review

Review, Public Health Rev

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### EVALUATION

#### Q 1 Please summarize the main theme of the review.

To provide an in-depth understanding of how governance and decision making during COVID-19 pandemic was characterised, to identify the research gaps.

#### Q 2 Please highlight the limitations and strengths.

Limitations: The inclusion criteria was limited to only peer reviewed articles published in English. The time frame of review was limited to January 1 2020–January 31 2022.

Strength: It is first of its kind study which delves into the process followed for governance and decision making, during a public health emergency.

#### Q 3 Please provide your detailed review report to the authors, structured in major and minor comments.

The overall structuring of the manuscript is good. Governance and decision making, needs to be defined.

### PLEASE COMMENT

#### Q 4 Does the reference list cover the relevant literature adequately and in an unbiased manner?

Yes

#### Q 5 Does this manuscript refer only to published data? (unpublished data is not allowed for Reviews)

Yes.

#### Q 6 Does the manuscript cover the issue in an objective and analytical manner

Yes.

#### Q 7 Was a review on the issue published in the past 12 months?

No.

**Q 8** Does the review have international or global implications?

Yes, public health decision making in pandemic or humanitarian settings is an important topic which needs more scrutiny. This review, will pave way for additional more in-depth research with robust study designs.

**Q 9** Is the title appropriate, concise, attractive?

Yes

**Q 10** Are the keywords appropriate?

Yes

**Q 11** Is the English language of sufficient quality?

Yes. Discussion, may need some revision and review.

**Q 12** Is the quality of the figures and tables satisfactory?

Yes.

**QUALITY ASSESSMENT**

**Q 13** Quality of generalization and summary



**Q 14** Significance to the field



**Q 15** Interest to a general audience



**Q 16** Quality of the writing



**REVISION LEVEL**

**Q 17** Please take a decision based on your comments:

Minor revisions.