

Cover letter for submission of manuscript

Subject: submission of a review article for evaluation

Dear Editor in chief-IJME

On behalf of my co-authors, I hereby submit the manuscript entitled "**Dead body disposal in COVID 19 patients and its psychological toll on the patient's family**" to be considered for publication in Indian Journal of Medical Ethics. We confirm that this is an original submission and has not been published before and that is not currently under review at any other publication outlet.

The study presents a synthesis of interdisciplinary ideas from anatomical and psychological science regarding safe management of dead bodies of COVID-19 patients and its psychological implications on the family. COVID-19 is an ongoing phenomenon and our study not only generates ideas for future research but is equally rooted in the present as it provides the reader with a broader knowledge of guidelines regarding dead body disposal. It also calls upon the mental health professionals to intervene with necessary tools in order to reduce the implications on mental health.

Appreciating the fact that India has emerged as a global leader in COVID 19 management, the readers of the journal would be interested in the work as the study centrally focuses on Indian guidelines on dead body disposal. It is both informative and grounded in medical science.

We thereby confirm that that the authors have no conflict of interest to dissolve.

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