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Dear Editor:

We would like to submit a commentary entitled “**Ethical issues in intensive care units during the COVID-19 pandemic**” for publication in *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics.*

In this article we discuss the ethical issues that could be raised in the treatment of patients in the intensive care units during the COVID-19 pandemic. The objective of this article is to contribute to the wide current discussion regarding the appropriate measures that should be taken to protect the health and ensure the safety of the staff that comes in close contact with patients with suspected or confirmed of COVID-19. In line, we highlight some issues that should be considered to prevent the rights of patients, especially those with chronic diseases.

The co-authors have read the manuscript and approved its submission to the journal. All co-authors would like to state that they have taken due care to ensure the integrity of their work and their personal scientific reputation. Moreover, the authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest. The manuscript has not been published elsewhere or is not currently under consideration for publication by any other journal.

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