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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

On behalf of my co-authors I am writing to submit our manuscript entitled **“Funerary rituals in Greece: From Antiquity to the time of the COVID-19 pandemic”,** for consideration as a The Indian Journal of Medical Ethics narrative review article.

This paper explores the funerary rites in the Greek context from Antiquity to present day, from a brief and comprehensive point of view. Through access to written sources referring to archeological remains, the paper reconstructs the meaningful burial programs that family members undertook once someone died for burying their deceased correctly, thus providing a “good death”. Ancient Greeks considered death as a transformation rather than as the end of a person’s life. The same holds for modern Orthodox Christian Greeks. Lastly, the paper touches upon the points arising from the constraints recently imposed on funerary practices due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. The social implications of these constraints on funerals and burials are also briefly considered.

Dear Editor, thank you in anticipation for your consideration of our manuscript. I hope that we have a chance of getting our manuscript published. However, the final decision is yours to make.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours

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