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### Publication Decision from *Findings*

"Changes in trip-making frequency by mode during the COVID-19 emergency in Bangladesh"

Decision made on October 21st, 2020

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### Editorial board's determination

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### Comments from the editor

Dear Antonio Paez

We have reached a decision on your submission 'Changes in trip-making frequency by mode during the COVID-19 emergency in Bangladesh' to the journal *Findings*.

The paper requires significant changes to be made (see comments below) that better address the scientific substance of the research, but the reviewers believe the core analysis remediable. We look forward to seeing your revised manuscript within 1 month.

In addition, please upload

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4. a letter describing changes in response to the reviewers.

Sincerely,

David Levinson

On behalf of the *Findings* team.

## Reviewer 1

### Open response questions

Comments to author

The paper presents an exploratory analysis of online survey results by 800 respondents on changes to their trip making behaviours by mode during the COVID pandemic. It is a well written paper, and I recommend publication. Some minor edits and adds are suggested below.

- Figure 1: Please lengthen the y-axes for all figures, at the moment, it is a bit hard to read results off, because the axes are squashed.
- Table 1: Please mark whether the rows are before and columns are during in the cross tabulation. It would be a good idea to use something like a conditional colouring so that each cell value is coloured by the scale of the value, so that the patterns discussed come out visually clear. At the moment, one has to read the numbers carefully.
- Otherwise, overall the paper is well written and the results are clearly discussed.
- Bangladesh has very high density urban areas, it would be good to include a discussion on whether the online survey responses indicated which cities the respondents are from - what was the geography of the answers? While 800 is a decent number, the volume is still a small number when compared as a sample against full populations, further, different cities have different transit arrangements, and since the shared and transit modes seem most affected - a discussion of geography somewhere (which principal cities and their attributes) will enrich the discussion, and also as mentioned a discussion of the limitations of the sample size being still relatively small.

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The paper asks a new research question or poses a new hypothesis.				✓	
The data is appropriate to the research question and methods.					✓
The paper employs new data.					✓
The research methodology for the study is appropriate and applied properly.				✓	
The paper uses a new research methodology.			✓		
The paper presents new findings.				✓	
The paper corroborates existing results.				✓	
The paper refutes previous results.			✓		

## Reviewer 2

### Open response questions

Comments to author

The level of reliability of the conclusions critically depends on the reliability of the sample, which is not analysed at all, i.e., there is no analysis of the level of representativeness of the sample relative to the Bangladesh population. A social media sample likely overrepresents high incomes, young age, etc. This must be scrutinized.

This is relevant because in the paper, from the title to the summary in the last paragraph, the authors claim they represent mobility changes in a developing country: Bangladesh, which has 160 million people (very small sample=800)

Other comments:


- No information of what contagion containment measures, if any, were in place during the time of the survey (e.g., lockdown, school closures)
- Table 1: columns and rows need to indicate which one is pre and during COVID, it has to be added to the table.
- Uber is not ridesharing, it is ridesourcing or ride-hailing.

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