

**Title: COVID-19 has taken advantage of NY's most vulnerable population, its racial and ethnic minorities**

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"This abstract addresses a number of important topics regarding racial and ethnic

disparities related to COVID in NYS: access to healthcare; access to nutritious food; and vitamin D status. All of these topics are relevant and interesting. However, I believe the abstract could benefit substantially from two changes. First, just adding headers would be useful for identifying the subtopics. Second, and much more importantly, for each of the subtopics, the author(s) might make it clearer what their new contribution is to the discussion. While all 3 subtopics are key, they have all been discussed before in the literature. That is just fine, but the author(s) may well wish to be clearer about what new insights they are bringing to these discussions (even if those insights are based heavily on the existing literature). I hope these suggestions are of some small use."

"Consider integrating Holtgrave et al., 2020, Annals of Epidemiology, to help make the argument at hand more clear. Thoroughly investigate the literature surrounding the topic and critically analyze its components to make the argument more robust."