

Peer Review Report

Review Report on Strategies for managing the COVID-19 pandemic and lessons learnt: an Irish perspective

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EVALUATION

Q 1 What are the main findings and conclusions reported in this manuscript?

This manuscript is a Policy Brief Article providing recommendations on pandemic management in Ireland. Through Expert Panel Discussion, it identifies that the priorities during the pandemic should be given to the vulnerable ones in society; targeting communication should be developed to alleviate anxieties and uncertainty; flexibility in policy and rapidly learning are essential; infection prevention and control measures are critical but may bring aftermath effects; and Lessons learnt should be incorporated to next pandemic preparedness.

Q 2 Please highlight the limitations and advantages.

Limitations: the outcomes of this study are based on evidence in Ireland, which may not be directly generalized to other countries.

Advantages: The Expert Panel Discussion with over 60 participants from multiple backgrounds is a strong point of the study, which ensures the comprehensiveness of the data collection. The recommendations are very pertinent to the specific country, as Ireland has its unique characteristics, either policy wise or geography wise.

Q 3 Are there objective errors or fundamental flaws? If yes, please detail your concerns.

N/A

Q 4 Check List

Is the English language of sufficient quality?

Yes.

Does the manuscript provide an appropriate context for a non-technical audience?

Yes.

Does the manuscript use language that can be understood by a non-technical audience?

Yes.

Is the quality of figures and/or tables satisfactory?

No.

Is the evidence presented appropriate, sound and objective?

Yes.

Are the action points provided based on the evidence?

Yes.

Are the action points provided reasonable and feasible?

Yes.

Are there any ethical issues with the recommendations provided?

Yes.

Q 5 Please provide your detailed review report to the editor and authors (including any comments on the Q4 Check List):

Abstract Line 5, the sentence "The topic of Ireland's COVID-19 pandemic management was discussed by an expert panel on the;" is incomplete, or the semicolon is redundant.

The resolution of the 3 figures are not high enough for readers to get all the information, but I understand this may be caused by the process of uploading the paper.

QUALITY ASSESSMENT

Q 6 Originality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q 7 Rigor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q 8 Significance to the field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q 9 Interest to a general audience	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q 10 Quality of the writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q 11 Overall quality of the study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REVISION LEVEL

Q 12 Please take a decision based on your comments:

Minor revisions.