Responses to Reviewers

We thank reviewers for their appreciation and useful comments that helped in the revision. We mentioned only those comments below for which referees have asked us to address. All the bold content in the revised draft is newly added material.

Reviewer A:
Recommendation: Revisions Required

Remarks

It is lacking a clear objective, how the review was done, what methodologies were used to retrieve data and studies available in literature about the use of masks and the risk of lung injury. The conclusion about the paper should be more clear and express what are the thoughts of the authors about the results.

Authors: We have duly added it in the draft. Please refer to the sentences in the last paragraph in bold in page 4.

Remarks

Please write in the manuscript the methodolgy used, what were the terms used in the research, what were the databases used in the research, the period selected for published papers, etc.

Authors: We have duly added it in the draft. Please refer to the third paragraph in bold in page 4.

Remarks

For me, it is missing a paragraph that concludes all the studies conducted until the authors get to the final statement that a good and well-designed study is needed to assess the lung function during facemasks usage. In addition to that, there are no conclusions or discussion about why they are proposing that study design, I think it would be a good thing to add a paragraph to convince the reader that the study design proposed is feasible and, although it has its limitations, it is a good study design.

Authors: We have duly added it in the draft. Please refer to the fifth paragraph in bold in page 4.

I think that the description of methodologies used to assess the available data about lung injury or function during facemasks usage would make the manuscript better. Describing the proposed methodology in the text, highlighting the pro and cons, and the most important areas to be aware of during the proposed study design would help the reader to make good choices.

The manuscript's subject has a good potential for researches.

Authors: We thank the referee for the appreciation. The point referee makes is important for future studies. Please refer to the last paragraph in bold in page 5.