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To: "Dr. Ratna Dwi Wulandari" <ratna-d-w@fkm.unair.ac.id>

Thu, May 5, 2022 at 5:59 AM

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Dear Dr Wulandari,

Re: "Information Clarity about Covid-19 in Indonesia: Does media exposure matter?"

We are pleased to let you know that your manuscript has now passed through the review stage and is ready for revision. Many manuscripts require a round of revisions, so this is a normal but important stage of the editorial process.

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The editors and reviewers found it very interesting, but there were substantial limitations raised. We have attached them at the end of this email.

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Kind regards,

Seung Won Lee  
Editorial Board Member  
BMC Public Health

Reviewer Comments:

Reviewer 1

First and foremost, I wish to congratulate the authors for shedding light on such an interesting topic in a timely fashion. The study focuses on examining the relationship between people's media exposure and their "information clarity" in the context of COVID-19. Please find my comments below and respond to them sufficiently, as I believe answering these concerns could help the authors further enhance their work, and in turn, the readers better appreciate the study.

Introduction

The introduction section is not closely aligned with the research question or the findings of the study. For instance, though information clarity is the study focus, it is barely mentioned in the introduction. Please improve this section accordingly.

Methods

There is a high presence of "Public servants/army/police" work type among the participants—over 70%. Could the authors please shed light on whether and to what extent is this participant characteristic in line with the general public? Also, is the low presence of young people (e.g., 2.7% 18-24 years old) in the study representative of the national reality? How the near-absence of youths might influence the overall pattern of media consumption of the participants, especially that of social media?

On a related note, could the authors please briefly describe the study population, which could help the readers understand why they and the rest of the world should pay close attention to the current study?

Please shed light on whether the variable "media exposure" was used to gauge media exposure to COVID-19 information or media exposure in general? Also, please elaborate on how was accidental exposure to COVID-19 information, such as facts or fake news received from social contacts in-person or on social media, measured or treated.

Why is the duration of media exposure—which is arguably a more rigorous measurement than the frequency of media exposure—not measured/reported? This issue needs to be carefully addressed throughout the manuscript, including the "Study Limitation" section.

Please provide detailed conceptual definitions of the key variables studied. This is particularly relevant to the variable "information clarity", which can be easily confused with "information accuracy". Also, why the term "perceived information clarity" is not used to describe the phenomenon?

Results

A recurring concern I have is that the differences between perceived "information clarity" and "information accuracy" are not clearly discussed. This issue needs to be constructively addressed. As, essentially, people could have great information clarity, yet poor information accuracy, and vice versa. For instance, conspiracy theory creators and spreaders can have great clarity in their media practices, yet the information they consume or spread could be completely inaccurate. Please address this issue thoroughly.

What is the role of religion in the participants' media exposure and perceived information clarity?

Discussion & Conclusion

Please shed light on how this study—an investigation on "information clarity", could contribute to the theoretical landscape around the dynamics between COVID-19 and the media environment.

Indonesia is the most populous Muslim-majority country. Could the authors please shed light on how the study findings are relevant to other Muslim/Asian countries and the world in general? I also wonder if the implications of the current research could be presented in a way that ensures it stays relevant to future researchers post-COVID.

Some minor points. Please ensure references are sufficiently cited where factual information is mentioned (e.g., the Introduction section, second paragraph).

Reviewer 2

I read it with great interest.

#1. Please mention the hypothesis in introduction.

#2. Please mention this sentence "A p-value less than 0.05 is considered to be statistically significant,"

#3. Please cite the statistical guideline such as DOI: <https://doi.org/10.54724/lc.2022.e1> and DOI:

<https://doi.org/10.54724/lc.2022.e1>.

#4. In Table 1 and 2. Please show number of each category with %.

i.e.) 47.5% -> 3222 (47.5%)

#5. This is an excellent paper.



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Editor comments

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Kind regards,

Seung Won Lee  
Editorial Board Member  
BMC Public Health

Reviewer Comments:

Reviewer 1

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Reviewer 2

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