

# Review of: "Evolution of Perceived Vulnerability to Infection in Japan During the COVID-19 Pandemic"

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Summary: The manuscript (MS) provides additional evidence for PVD values before, during, and after the pandemic of Covid-19. The authors included one main study with more than 2,000 participants. The MS has all the potential to be an interesting contribution to the literature on the topic of PVD and the behavioral immune system.

I really appreciated the straight-to-the-point introduction and all the additions I suggested to the authors about the behavioral immune system. Moreover, the authors have included most of the suggestions formulated in a clear manner. New references are well discussed in the light of the present results.

The reported results are clear (figure and text). The message is generally clear and concise. Investigating the PVD during three periods in an ecological situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic is an interesting and ecological idea. The data from the study are clear but not new, and deserve to be published in its final form.

To conclude, the present version (v3) has been greatly improved, and the authors have made remarkable efforts to enhance the consistency of their research; that is why I approve their work for publication.

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