

Review of: "Real-World Efficacy of N95, Surgical, and Cloth Masks in Mitigating SARS-CoV-2 Respiratory Infections: A Comprehensive Comparative Study"

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The topic of study has a direct potential impact on the population in terms of preventing COVID-19. The article can be accepted after revision.

- Please provide the rationale for the study when it is evident that N95 masks are better than cloth masks.
- In this kind of investigation, the demography must be provided. Doctors and clinicians who wear N95 masks are at a higher risk of contracting an infection than non-clinicians who utilize cotton masks. Older population are also more vulnerable. Therefore, it is advised that the authors include, without revealing any personal information, the demographics of the chosen population based on their occupation, age, and whether any have a history of illnesses such as immunocompromised conditions. A table containing the demography may be included.
- Does anyone in the population experience an allergic reaction when using N95 or surgical masks, despite the fact that N95 is superior to cloth? Please explain why the subjects opted for cloth masks rather than N95 masks.
- Kindly acknowledge the laboratory or institute where the PCR tests were conducted.