

Review of: "Evolution of new variants of SARS-CoV-2 during the pandemic: mutation-limited or selection-limited?"

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The author's **Watve et al** have worked on the m/s entitled '*Evolution of new variants of SARS-CoV-2 during the pandemic: mutation-limited or selection-limited?*'. **This topic for review is important as evolutionary aspects of SARS-COV-2 are still unexplored since its emergence. The article is well-written and designed, and the authors provide valuable information for this research field. After careful consideration, I recommend the manuscript for publication as it is except a minor suggestion.**

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