

Review of: "Omicron Variant Could be an Antigenic Shift of SARS-CoV-2"

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REVIEW

This is an unbalanced article that, in the Title, announces the analysis of a possible antigenic shift in the appearance of SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant, but does not discuss this point until the very end in the Discussion and Conclusion section.

It deals a lot with immunological response to Omicron and other SARS-CoV-2 variants, but does not explain how the rather massive genetic change occurred within the SARS-CoV-2 genome that gave rise to the Omicron variant.

Some sentences are unclear, some statements are not properly referenced or not referenced at all.

I have attached the manuscript with running corrections all along, but these will not help change the principal shortcomings of this article.

I would hesitate very much to give this manuscript a green light for getting published in the present form and content.