

Review of: "Government Communication and Behavioral Change amidst COVID-19: Role of Awareness and Fear & Panic"

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the article: "Government Communication and Behavioral Change amidst COVID-19: Role of Awareness and Fear & Panic".

Please address the following suggestions to improve the overall quality of the manuscript:

1. There is no separate section for the "literature review" in the article. The literature is very brief and is merely included within the "introduction" section. A separate literature section should be developed, in which the authors should base their hypotheses on solid literature along with supporting theories. The literature should clearly mention how each hypothesis is derived.
2. The abstract should briefly include the implications of the study.
3. The conclusion section misses the research limitations and the recommendations for future research. This section is important to help readers/scholars build upon this study.