

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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Concerns, doubt, and bias have increased about the protection of different types of face masks whether in the infectious or the allergic field since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. This study, with a precise-written method, has shown its concern regarding the mentioned issues. The large sample size and routine follow-up of participants with PCR –although considered to be an invasive way- has made the data more reliable. In addition, the article is written in a fluent and academic way that makes it valuable to follow. However, there are minor comments that are found to be complementary:

First of all, the beginning paragraph in the result section can be omitted as is well shown in figure (s). Second, as the significance of the results is defined with a P-value, it is crucial to prove this study's significant results with statistical p-values. Third, the virus would not only be transmitted from outside patients but also from infected individuals at home time, when participants don't wear face masks. Fourth, the word "subjects" can be replaced with "participants" or "patients". Finally, as a long way to go in the comparative studies about face mask efficacy, it would be more valuable if future researchers provide a case-control method for each type of face mask.