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Dear Dr Carey

**Response to Reviewer Comments**

We are grateful to the reviewers for their insightful comments on our manuscript. We have incorporated changes to reflect the suggestions provided by the editor. We have highlighted the changes within the manuscript, and outline the changes in the following table.

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| Comments | Author response |
| Looking over the revisons and revised manuscript this submission now seems a nicely edited piece of work.  Well done.  Upon checking the references however I note an important reference that is missing which has been recently published in JORH (so understandable that the authors may not have seen it !) however my concern is that it should definelty be included in light of the authors comments relating to religious Islamic leaders - namely:  Yoosefi Lebni, J., Ziapour, A., Mehedi, N. et al. The Role of Clerics in Confronting the COVID-19 Crisis in Iran. J Relig Health (2021). [https://doi.org/10.1007/s10943-021-01295-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10943-021-01295-6" \t "_blank)  I recommned that the authors briefly note the issues raised by this article which will support their argument. | We have read and elaborated your suggestion on our manuscript. We have briefly added the important finding of the reference in the introduction and discussion part. We also read related references and cited in this manuscript. |

Having addressed the issues raised, we are confident quality of the paper has improved and hope you agree.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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