Sir,

We wish to present our observations aimed at predicting response and disease progression. We have focussed on drugs which reduce these inflammatory markers as most of such experimental drugs have undesirable side effects. We have reconsidered our strategy which focuses on drugs which reduce these inflammatory markers such as IL6, CRP, Ferritin, Procalcitonin and LDH as a surrogate to reconsider our strategy.

In patients who showed worsening of symptoms, not all inflammatory markers increased. Increase in serum values were seen with LDH and D Dimers as a surrogate to inflammatory markers such as IL6, CRP, Ferritin, Procalcitonin and LDH (40.86), LDH (22.37), Procalcitonin (95.65% rise), followed by Interleukin -6 (IL-6) (44.86%), Ferritin (27.08% rise), C Reactive Protein (CRP) (48.22%) followed by Procalcitonin (95.65% rise), followed by Ferritin (27.08% rise), IL-6 (44.86%), Ferritin (27.08% rise), CRP (48.22%) and Procalcitonin (95.65%).

We noted an elevated baseline value of Procalcitonin and Ferritin levels could be associated with other inflammatory markers with increasing trend during disease. Patients with rapid antigen tests were sufficient to predict the time for which the fear of disease will persist. Since routine healthcare facilities have already been started but in a phased manner in various nations, it is imperative that healthcare centres start acting as dissemination centres of the virus as per protocols of the institute. This observational analytical study. All patients admitted in Pulmonary and critical care unit (ICU).

Inflammatory markers measured at time of admission and discharge were in patients with rapid antigen tests was provided. Nasopharyngeal samples majorly by means of swabs is practically both feasible and sufficiently reliable and thus widely acceptable. Most institutes in India have started practicing routine screening of outpatients with rapid antigen tests for COVID-19, before consultation is provided. Nasopharyngeal samples majorly by means of swabs is practically both feasible and sufficiently reliable and thus widely acceptable. Most institutes in India have started practicing routine screening of outpatients with rapid antigen tests for COVID-19, before consultation is provided. Nasopharyngeal samples majorly by means of swabs is practically both feasible and sufficiently reliable and thus widely acceptable.

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practiced method for sampling for detection of severe acute coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2). The correct manoeuvre has been demonstrated right at the start of the pandemic, in detail, both pictorially and in text.\(^1\) Despite mass training programmes for doctors and technicians, there are several instances when at ground level we see a faulty method of nasopharyngeal swab (NPS) collection. The external appearance of the bridge of the nose is confused for the right direction for insertion of NPS. It has been made quite clear with the photographs presented in media reports now and then.\(^2\)

In a viewpoint, Higgins et al.\(^3\) have stressed on trajectory angle, depth, and patient expectations, to be kept in mind by frontline workers while taking a NPS. We suggest that a manoeuvre as simple as, keeping the head straight and not tilted back, will help the non-otolaryngologists and technician trainees to properly orient the direction of floor of nose along which the NPS is to be inserted. During training, telling a trainee first that the floor of nose is situated horizontally in a sitting patient, and then asking a trainee to insert a NPS in the nose with the head tilted and resting back 70 degrees, does distort the orientation of the nasal floor for the trainee, as the bridge of the nose now lies horizontally. In such a position, a horizontally inserted NPS is wedged against the middle turbinate and septum rather than along the nasal floor, causing more discomfort to the patient and resulting in sample procured from a non-target area.

It is well known that nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swabs give significant false negative results for SARS-CoV-2 detection. Thus, it becomes all the more imperative to take a proper NPS sample to avoid missing cases, and more importantly to decrease the patient’s discomfort. There is a need for training and re-training the frontline workers involved in NPS sampling. Based on the above observation, we recommend the following modification for NPS sample collection:

1. Seat the patient straight with head straight and a fixed support behind

2. Insert the swab horizontally in the nasal cavity to a distance equal to that between nostril and opening of outer ear.

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