

## Peer Review Information

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**Journal:** Nature Human Behaviour

**Manuscript Title:** Epidemiological and clinical characteristics of the COVID-19 epidemic in Brazil

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### Reviewer Comments & Decisions:

<b>Decision Letter, initial version:</b>
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Dear Nuno,

Thank you once again for transferring your manuscript, entitled "Epidemiological and clinical characteristics of the COVID-19 epidemic in Brazil," from **[REDACTED]** to Nature Human Behaviour.

In the light of the feedback provided by the three reviewers in the second round of review at **[REDACTED]**, I am delighted to say that we can in principle offer to publish your work. First, however, we would like you to revise your paper to address the two outstanding points made by Reviewer 1, and to ensure that it complies with our Guide to Authors at <http://www.nature.com/nathumbehav/info/gta>.

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If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

With best regards,

Stavroula

Stavroula Kousta, PhD  
Chief Editor  
Nature Human Behaviour

**Final Decision Letter:**

Dear Nuno,

Many thanks for addressing all outstanding comments and requests. Everything is now in order and I

am very pleased to inform you that your Article "Epidemiological and clinical characteristics of the COVID-19 epidemic in Brazil", has now been accepted for publication in Nature Human Behaviour.

Before your manuscript is typeset, we will edit the text to ensure it is intelligible to our wide readership and conforms to house style. We look particularly carefully at the titles of all papers to ensure that they are relatively brief and understandable.

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