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Journal Name:	International Journal of Pathogen Research
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJPR_65260
Title of the Manuscript:	Has the Pandemic Triggered a 'Paperdemic'?: Towards an Assessment of Diagnostic Indicators for Covid-19
Type of the Article	The article only includes an introduction - conclusions and bibliography, therefore, it seems more like a bibliographic review or comment, rather than an original research.

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>-The objectives of the study are not clear. Please explain it in the last paragraph of the introduction section.</p> <p>-In general, the manuscript is interesting, but it is very difficult to understand by not following and the usual structure of a scientific article (introduction - materials and methods - results - discussion - conclusions - bibliography).</p> <p>- I think that the article would benefit a lot if it is rewritten following this usual structure of a scientific article, especially giving a detailed explanation of the materials and methods section.</p> <p>- All tables and figures require further explanation and relate them to the text, because the way they are written now is very difficult to follow.</p> <p>-Specifically, Table 2 illustrates the usefulness of the study; however, it requires further explanation in order to understand it.</p>	
Minor REVISION comments	<p>-Page 1 (abstract, key words). The authors must decide if COVID-19 will be written with capital letters or lower case letters.</p>	
Optional/General comments	<p>This is a manuscript aimed to propose a novel methodology for validating published studies based on indicators of diagnostic tests (sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value and negative predictive value).</p> <p>-The major strength of the manuscript is that the topic is interesting and worthwhile, given the large amount of scientific research that has emerged as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The results could become an excellent methodology to verify the quality of scientific articles, which would complement other existing guidelines (for example: CONSORT, STROBE, STARD, QUORUM)</p> <p>-The major weakness of the manuscript is It is that by not following the usual structure of a scientific article, its reading becomes difficult, as well as understanding its content.</p>	



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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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