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Journal: Nature Human Behaviour

Manuscript Title: Ranking the effectiveness of worldwide COVID-19 government interventions

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Decision Letter, initial version:
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15th October 2020

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Dear Peter,

Thank you once again for transferring your revised manuscript, entitled "Ranking the effectiveness of worldwide COVID-19 government interventions," to Nature Human Behaviour.

Based on the feedback provided by the three reviewers at **[REDACTED]**, I am delighted to say that we can in principle offer to publish your manuscript. First, however, we would like you to revise your paper to address the points made by Reviewers 1 and 2, and to ensure that it complies with our editorial policies and formatting requirements.

With respect to reviewer feedback, we ask that you address all reviewer points through modifications of the text, including by expanding on the limitations of the work, clarifying from the outset the scope of your analyses, and highlighting discrepancies among the three datasets. Reviewer 1 recommends

that you recast your manuscript as a comparison between the three datasets. We do not believe that this is necessary. However, given that readers will indeed be interested in performing these comparisons, we ask that you incorporate supplementary figures 27-29 in the main text and convert supplementary figures 2-4 to Extended Data Figures. (For Supplementary Data Figures 27-29, please abbreviate/shorten the NPI labels and change the orientation of the figures to portrait - otherwise, the figures are extremely difficult to read. In the figure captions for these three Figures, you can point readers to newly created corresponding supplementary tables that expand the abbreviations/shortened versions so that there is no ambiguity.)

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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 Peter,

Thank you very much for addressing promptly all outstanding comments and requests.

I am pleased to inform you that your Article "Ranking the effectiveness of worldwide COVID-19 government interventions", 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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