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Dr Panagiotis Pentaris

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Dear Dr. Pentaris,

My co-authors and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit an original article titled, “The Impact of COVID-19 on Family Violence in Immigrant Communities in the United States” for consideration in the Greenwich Social Work Review. I confirm that this work is original and has not been published anywhere, nor is it under consideration for publication elsewhere.

In this paper, we discuss the dynamics of immigrant communities in the United States and the specific impact of COVID-19 on immigrant families in the context of family violence. We discuss implications for social work research, practice and policy which can be applicable in other countries that host a large proportion of immigrants as well. We believe that the findings of this paper will highlight the unique impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on immigrant communities building a case for immediate attention toward such groups.

We trust that you will find our work valuable and suitable for publication in the Greenwich Social Work Review. Please address all correspondence concerning this manuscript to me at [arai4@luc.edu](mailto:arai4@luc.edu). Once again, thank you for the opportunity to submit our work.

Sincerely,

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