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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Monitoring of cases of anosmia and COVID-19



Dear Editor,

We would like to share ideas on the publication "Monitoring of cases of anosmia may help control the COVID-19 pandemic."¹ Miyake et al. concluded that "The adoption of a unified internet self-reported notification system of new cases of sudden dysosmia this pandemic".¹ In fact, asymptomatic and atypical clinical presentation is not uncommon in COVID-19 and it is necessary that the practitioner has to recognize for the possibility.^{2,3} Anosmia is a possible clinical presentation in COVID-19. Screening for anosmia might be difficult but it is useful for early detection of the case.⁴ A reporting tool might be helpful for screening.⁵ Regarding the self-reported notification system, an important consideration is on the reliability. In a developing country, a low educated people might disguise the clinical history and the reporting system is usually not useful.⁶ A non-subjective screening tool should be considered for anosmia screening.

Conflicts of interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

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