Correspondence on "Psychological impact of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in children with neurodevelopmental disorders"

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Dear Editor,

we would like to share ideas on "Psychological impact of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in children with neurodevelopmental disorders and their families: evaluation before and during covid-19 outbreak among an Italian sampl"1. De Giacomo et al. concluded that «this study highlights the increase in parental stress and a more difficult ...psychological support for caregivers of children with NDDs»1. Effect of lockdown on NDD children is widely reported. In a recent report from India, a similar problem is observed2. In the present report, several clinical tools are used for data collection. However, there are also other interesting data, such as those revealed in the publication by Goswami et al.2, that might be further accessed. The effect of lockdown might be different at different period of disease outbreak and local policy on intensity of control might also affect the impact on

NDD children. Finally, whether there is a change of impact when the situation remains for a very long period is an interesting question for further researching.

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