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In response to the correspondence article entitled “Estimation of the COVID-19 burden in Egypt through exported case detection” which was published on March 26, 2020, in Lancet Infect. Dis. by authors from the University of Toronto, Canada¹

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According to the article in Lancet Infect. Dis., 2020 the authors predicted two scenarios regarding the COVID-19 exported cases from Egypt globally based on International Air Transportation Association¹. The article was disseminated globally and was sent as an indicator regarding COVID-19 virus via travellers from Egypt to different region worldwide¹. That was incorrect because those travellers might have the COVID-19 during the incubation periods before entering any Egyptian airport. Therefore, the travellers might import the virus to Egypt and infected the workers in the tourism sections.

The authors¹, were trying to bring world attention to Egypt as COVID-19 exported supported by third parties (anonymous parties) due to the enhancement of growth investment.

The WHO was recognized as an official mouthpiece on behalf of the UN². The UN issued a COVID-19 report globally. Therefore, the authors of this article have been ignored this report. Further, they have designed a worst case scenario.

As global media, write COVID-19 reports daily based on WHO records, why would Canadian scientists try to track and monitor the cases numbers of COVID-19 in Egypt based on tourist movements?

The Ministry of Health in Egypt has announced daily the cases of infections by COVID-19 as well as death numbers. I would recommend those Canadian scientists to consider more globally for the prevention and treatment protocol for COVID-19 instead of interfering with governmental policy. We are all in this together, finger pointing does not help.

The authors have been submitted the comments to Editor of Lancet Infect. Dis but unfortunately, he was mentioned that, we have decided not to publish it because we have already committed to

publishing several other responses to Tuite et al's letter, which make similar points to your submission.

Therefore, we have decided to publish our comments in open access for more publicity among scientific communities.

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