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# Factors limiting the utility of bronchoalveolar lavage in the diagnosis of COVID-19

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## To the Editor:

We read with interest study by GERI *et al.* [1], in which the authors have demonstrated a strong agreement between negative nasopharyngeal (NPs)/nasal (Ns) swab and bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) real-time reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR) in the diagnosis of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) among hospitalised patients. The study findings contradicted earlier reports [2] and suggested a limited utility of BAL. However, the results need to be interpreted comprehensively before drawing any conclusion.