

### Reply to the comment on: Cancer-associated myositis before and after the COVID-19 pandemic onset

Sirs,

We would like to acknowledge the ideas from Costa *et al.* (1) shared on our letter (2). Clearly the problem of cancer-associated myositis and its interrelationship with the COVID-19 pandemic onset is an interesting issue for further study. We agree with many of the points they have made and thank them for giving more information about the findings of the study. We recognise that doing more research with a larger cohort and looking more deeply into the details would help confirm these results and give better evidence-based information for taking care of patients in the future. Additionally, it would be interesting to assess the potential impact of other risk factors, such as medication use, immunological status, diagnostic testing, on the severity

of myositis, which requires further investigation. Broader population studies and in-depth analyses will confirm the results and provide more evidence-based information for future patient management.

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