

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Zinc deficiency in patients with chronic pancreatitis

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			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Zinc deficiency has not received enough attention in previous chronic pancreatitis. This study in this area is more systematic, revealing to the reader the reasons for possible zinc deficiency in patients with chronic pancreatitis, which is conducive to the next study. The sample size of this study is sufficient. But the research float on the surface



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and is just a general summary report. There is no deep mechanism for the cause of zinc deficiency in CP patients. The main causes of zinc deficiency are inadequate intake, increased dysfunction and loss. Whether the CP patients included in the study excluded all other factors that may cause zinc deficiency, the author needs to inform the reader of the above information. In short, it is recommended to publish this article after minor repairs.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. Please expand on the diagnostic criteria for chronic pancreatitis in this study. 2. What were the symptoms in the patient group 3. What were the other co-morbid states in the cohort ? 4. Any co-relation between the other co-morbid states and zinc levels ? 5. What were the medications in the cohort ? Any co-relation between drugs and zinc



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levels ? How many patients were on proton pump inhibitors ? 6. Any co-relation with dose of pancreatic enzymes and zinc levels ?

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Although a much-debated issue, this article is thorough, well-designed and written. Language-wise is fluent, precise and easy to read. Perhaps a couple of editing errors are there (e.g. page 10 - "zing deficiency's been shown to decrease the risk of infectious diseases" but this does not change the overall excellent presentation. My understanding



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is that the etiology and effect of zinc deficiency is far from being clear. An interesting finding is in table 1, where 20-39 pack-years are significantly associated, but >40 are not. Nevertheless, it is worth reading

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The manuscript is well-written and the conclusions supported by results of the study.

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