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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors describe systematically the relationship between obesity and MAFLD and COVID-19, describe the preexisting patients who are more likely to be hospitalized as a result of COVID-19 and describe possible mechanisms between the two diseases. The manuscript has a good quality. However, it is suggested to add more figures to make the article more interesting.