

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Scientific quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
<b>Language quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Interesting article, well written and documented. This article describes the current state of knowledge on the pathogenesis, occurrence rate, clinical significance, and epidemiological consequences of COVID-19-associated diarrhea. It would be better if the potential therapy (especially drugs) could be described carefully. Second, several factors could be responsible for the prevalence of diarrhea in COVID-19 patients. If diarrhea is not present at the admission, it becomes challenging to ascertain the cause of diarrhea. Several confounding variables, such as the use of enteral feeding (tube feeds), antiviral and antibiotics, altered gut flora, hyperinflammatory response, secondary bacterial infections, use of proton pump inhibitors (PPI) can potentially cause diarrhea in hospitalized COVID-19 patients. It would be better if you can emphasize this point.

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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<b>Language quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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No other specific comment