

Point-by-point letter
(World Journal of Gastroenterology Manuscript NO: 66133)
(reviewer's comments in black, our replies are italicised)

Reviewer #1:
Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)
Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)
Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: 1. Please introduce ACE2 receptor in detail regarding the full name and biological function when this receptor was mentioned in the manuscript.

We thank the Reviewer for the positive feedback. As suggested, we have now introduced the function of ACE2 receptor when first mentioned.

Reviewer #2:
Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)
Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)
Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: Thanks for this nice interesting review in very hot topic in the current situation

We thank the Reviewer for the positive feedback.

4 LANGUAGE QUALITY

Please resolve all language issues in the manuscript based on the peer review report. Please be sure to have a native-English speaker edit the manuscript for grammar, sentence structure, word usage, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, format, and general readability, so that the manuscript's language will meet our direct publishing needs.

The paper has been written and revised by highly fluent English speakers who work in the UK.

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Authors must revise the manuscript according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions, which are listed below:

(1) Science editor: 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a review of the liver-spleen axis dysfunction in Covid-19. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade A and Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The nice interesting review in very hot topic in the current situation. However, the authors should introduce ACE2 receptor in detail regarding the full name and biological function when this receptor was mentioned in the manuscript.

As requested, we have now added more details regarding ACE2 receptor.

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2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A and Grade A. 3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. 5 Issues raised: (1) The "Author Contributions" section is missing. Please provide the author contributions.

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We have uploaded PowerPoint figures as suggested.

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As suggested, we have now added all the missing information in the references where needed.

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Thank you for the revision.