

# PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	Good
	[ ] Grade D: Fair [ ] Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<ul> <li>[ ] Grade A: Excellent [Y] Grade B: Good [ ] Grade C: Fair</li> <li>[ ] Grade D: No novelty</li> </ul>
Creativity or innovation of	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [Y] Grade B: Good [ ] Grade C: Fair
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Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<ul> <li>[ ] Grade A: Excellent [Y] Grade B: Good [ ] Grade C: Fair</li> <li>[ ] Grade D: No scientific significance</li> </ul>
Language quality	[Y] Grade A: Priority publishing [] Grade B: Minor language polishing [] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing [] Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<ul> <li>[ ] Accept (High priority) [Y] Accept (General priority)</li> <li>[ ] Minor revision [ ] Major revision [ ] Rejection</li> </ul>
Re-review	[ ]Yes [Y]No
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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The outbreak of COVID-19 has brought profound impacts to the entire society and medical system, disrupting people's lives and changing the workflow of the previous medical system. This manuscript reviewed how pre-pandemic mortality from chronic liver disease varied by specific cause, cause of death, and regional epidemiology. The COVID-19 pandemic was different according to the age of chronic liver disease, the specific cause, and liver function status. In particular, cirrhosis and alcoholic liver disease were associated with a higher risk of severe illness and death. In addition, indirect factors such as harmful drinking during the pandemic and poor access to effective care also contributed to deaths from chronic liver disease. This manuscript may help us understanding the relationship between the pandemic and chronic liver The reviewer allowed one point of comment and suggested a uniform disease. reference format, such as reference 27 cited format error.



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This study is an immediate and valuable study that meets the journal's requirements for scientificity and innovation, however there are still some comments that need to be improved: This study discusses the pathogenesis of the decline in mortality from chronic liver disease, and I hope the author can add some part to describe the association between social determinants of health and mortality from chronic liver disease.



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