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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a well written mini-review on acute pancreatitis associated with COVID-19 infection. It emphasizes the importance of proper diagnostic work-up both on the actual presence of AP and possible etiology factors causing AP in patients with COVID-19 infections. Rigorous scientific publication standards are especially important in this pandemic situation, with a high demand for data. Based on the body of evidence, the authors cannot conclude whether or not SARS-COV2 virus is a risk factor for AP or not. There are only a few comments: 1. In the prisma sheet - 49 articles were tested for eligibility, 44 were excluded and 4 were added. This equals 9 articles, not 8. 2. It is stated in the discussion that ACE-2 receptors are abundant in the pancreas. As this is important for invasion by the virus, and probably also organ damage, an article reference to this statement would be appropriate.

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Questions have been answered appropriately.