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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

COVID 19 emerges from Wuhan of China and is persistently spreading and reached almost every continent of the world. Most infected people will develop mild to moderate illness and recover without hospitalization. However, COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. In addition to respiratory symptoms, gastrointestinal (GI) symptoms have been widely observed in COVID 19 patients. The authors of the submitted manuscript have summarized the GI symptoms and recapitulated potential mechanisms (impaired barrier function, gut inflammation, altered serotonin metabolism and gut microbiota dysbiosis) in COVID-19 patients. However, what's the different between your manuscript and the others(Ye et al. The mechanism and treatment of gastrointestinal symptoms in patients with COVID-19. Zhang et al. Gastrointestinal symptoms, pathophysiology, and treatment in COVID-19; Gastrointestinal symptoms, pathophysiology, and treatment in COVID-19;)