

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Hepatocellular injury and the mortality risk among patients with coronavirus disease 2019: a retrospective cohort study

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors, The study looks promising in this tough time of the COVID-19 pandemic. The sample size is adequate and the study methodology is good. However, the language needs some revision and corrections. Regards

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

this is an interesting Retrospective cohort study, however with many limitations. I feel that i am missing the main findings of the study when I read the manuscript. What did you find? Elevated isolated AST is significantly associated with in hospital mortality. Why isolated? if it is liver injury why aren't other elevations present? you see an association to ferritin and to DM. So it might be the DM itself and NOT the liver injury behind the association. CK has not been analyzed which would solve the question as AST here can be of muscular origin especially in the absence of other liver marker elevations. Other acute phase reactant proteins have not been recorded like haptoglobin. Obesity and pre-existing NAFLD are not discussed. History of HBsAg is not given and this could be significant especially in the discussion of predisposition for immune mediated injuries= autoimmune hepatitis. I would consider to find additional information as per above in the patient files and re-write the study.

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This is a nicely done study. The fact that AST has good prognostic value in predicting the mortality may help physician in tailoring the treatment. There are few grammatical mistakes which should be corrected while revising the article.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Satisfactory responses and additions in the manuscript.