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

I do not find that this article advances our understanding of the field. Asking 3-4 questions would not be the basis of a publication. There is no connection or basis was explained in relation to questions asked. Article is too short and at this stage, publication would be premature.

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This is an interesting letter to the editors. The authors reported the findings from their own COVID-19 study, and also analyzed similar findings published by other research groups. Authors asked some questions which are also interesting to readers. I would like to recommend the authors to simply address the mechanism by which SARS-COV-2 attacks the digestive system and results in some GI symptoms. Please refer to @The American Journal of Gastroenterology. 2020; 115(7):1003-1006. doi: 10.14309/ajg.0000000000000691.