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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good       | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing           | (High priority)                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Anonymous                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onymous               |
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The paper does not raise important findings except the recent ratio of Covid-19 positive cases with elevated transaminases. Due to highly current aspects of worldwide infection the paper may be pressed due to raise awareness toward toxic hepatitis and liver functions while managing patients. A general approach to high transaminases could be optionally mentioned.

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General comments: This is a timely and well organized review paper. Literature review and inclusion is quite comprehensive in the related topic. The following suggestions the authors may need to consider: Specific: 1. While the authors comprehensively mentioned SARS-CoV-2, a mention about the previous SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV should be helpful for the readers, as did in other review papers (e.g., Jiang F, Deng L, Zhang L, Cai Y, Cheung CW, Xia Z. J Gen Intern Med. 2020 Mar 4. doi: 10.1007/s11606-020-05762-w.PMID: 32133578 ) 2. The authors mentioned "cytokine storm" as a mechanism of mortality and cited recent references. Surgical stress can exacerbate "cytokine storm" and the COVID19 disease progression, and a recent paper should be cited: e.g. Lei S, Jiang F, Su W, Chen C, Chen J, Wei Mei W, Zhan LY, Jia Y, Zhang L, Liu D, Xia ZY and Xia Z.. Clinical characteristics and outcomes of patients undergoing surgeries during the incubation period of COVID-19 infection. EClinicalMedicine 2020

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The authors summarized the incidence of hypertransaminasemia in COVID-19 patients with currently available data and proposed several pathogenetic hypothesis of this phenomenon. This manuscript is interesting and timely. Introduction -line 1: COVID-19 is caused by SARS-CoV-2, these two are not equivalent, please modify. -Instead of searching the keywords in database, I think the authors should read all the original articles of COVID-19 to find relevant studies, since the total number of studies is not large and that will be more comprehensive. Table 1 Since all studies were published in 2020. I think it's better to add the specific online date of these studies. Statistical analysis -line 6-8, citation should be indicated in the reference section

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