



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an interesting review regarding the RAGE axis in the context of diabetes mellitus and unfavorable outcomes in COVID-19. I would recommend if for publication after minors issues are resolved; the abstract is poor and should be rewritten, stating firmly and comprehensively the content of the manuscript. The meaning and the importance of RAGE should be explained in the abstract as well as in the Introduction. Some minor typing errors should be corrected throughout the manuscript.



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Manuscript NO: 62278 Title: RAGE axis: A contributor to the risk of severe illness from COVID-19 in diabetes patients Manuscript Type: Review 1- Thanks to authors for this well designed review. Receptor for Advanced Glycation Endproducts (RAGE) as a transmembrane receptor of the immunoglobulins has been shown that related to ongoing low level inflammation in chronic diseases especially diabetes mellitus. This review explores the literature to explain a mechanism why more severe consequences occur in diabetic patients with Covid-19. 2- RAGE should be expressed openly in it's first usage, as in keywords, not as an abbreviation. 3- Same abbrev. issue should be performed for ECM, AGE, HMGB1 in their first usage. "Elevated levels of circulating advanced glycation end-products (AGEs) are believed.." 4- Title is appropriate to reflect the inclusion of the review. 5- Correction for "diabtes," 6- Any projections may be mentioned on how this pathway coincides with possible side effects of metformin and sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitors in diabetic Covid-19 patients. 7- How does pathophysiologic pathway explain viral particles inside the cells in endotheliitis / endothelialitis? 8- Could RAGE explain all aspects of increased susceptibility to hyperinflammation in Covid-19. If not, "RAGE axis seems to be a key player " should be "RAGE axis seems to be one of key players"