

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: *World Journal of Clinical Cases*

Manuscript NO: 78521

Title: Clinical features of elderly patients with COVID-19 in Wuhan, China

Provenance and peer review: Unsolicited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

Peer-review model: Single blind

Reviewer's code: 04870360

Position: Editorial Board

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Professional title: Assistant Professor, Lecturer, Research Scientist

Reviewer's Country/Territory: Egypt

Author's Country/Territory: China

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Review time: 8 Days and 14 Hours

Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous

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Conflicts-of-Interest: [] Yes [Y] No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the manuscript entitled “Clinical features of elderly patients with COVID-19 in Wuhan, China”, the authors investigated the effect impact of COVID-19 on elder patients from Wuhan. The authors assumed that the mortality due to SARS-Cov infection could not be affected by age and chronic disease comorbid. Indeed, the novelty of the study is too weak. Similar findings have been published previously in several studies like 10.1016/j.jinf.2020.03.005, doi.org/10.1186/s12877-020-01811-5, doi.org/10.1186/s12877-021-02261-3, doi.org/10.1590/1980-57642021dn15-010001, doi.org/10.1159/000508734. Due to COVID-19 features fast changes, I think the results of this study are too old to be published now

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Reviewer chosen by: Dong-Mei Wang

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The data are related to 2020, from 4 March to 4 April. There is a period of about two years, are the data relevant in this context, with virus evolution, with epidemiological evolution. Are lessons we can extract from these previous obtained data? This single-center study outdated, giving the global knowledge gain. All the references are from 2020 or before. This study is late for publication in August 2022.

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Reviewer's Country/Territory: Romania

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors analyzed the clinical characteristics of elderly patients from Wuhan who had COVID-19 during the early stages of the pandemic. Although the study is interesting and well-conducted, the study sample is too small. How was this sample size calculated? Considering the number of cases of covid-19 in China, studying just the patients hospitalized in 1 month is not enough. Thus, you should analyze the cases of covid-19 for at least 6 months or 1 year. Add the year and date of the approval of the ethics committee. Bold the significant P-values in the tables.

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Conflicts-of-Interest: [] Yes [Y] No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is very basic paper mainly a retrospective observational study which is looking at older patients for covid symptoms and lab findings. This is already well known and well published. I do not think this will bring any new information which is already extensively known. In my opinion this is not publishable unless they find some new aspect or new finding or new information related to the data.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Reviewer's Country/Territory: Jordan

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article not original and data is old and sample size small