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**Abstract** In methods, please write “two” instead of “2”. Write a comma after “In the multivariate analysis” in results. Also, write the OR, CI and p values for all associated factors. **Introduction** No comments. It was written perfectly. **Methods** please write the protocol of management during that period and cite the protocol of available. please make a diagram for the validation process and write the number for each cohort in the diagram. Regarding patients, could you please write the criteria for categorizing patients according to the severity and cite the file if available online. Please write expand the abbreviation “LFN”; because it was firstly mentioned in the text. Split sample size for statistical analysis plan and make it in a different subheading. **Results** Please write results in subheading as follow: participants characteristics, biochemical tests, ...etc. Please write abbreviation for confidence interval as CI not IC. Regarding table 5, is it univariate or multivariate cox regression? and according to what you chose other variables? **Conclusion** Write it in a separate subheading.

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Thank you for this opportunity to review your work. This paper focuses on the prognostic performance of an index based on LDH and transaminases (AST / ALT) in patients with COVID-19 and MAFLD (LFN-COVID-19 index). There are limitations through justifications of the study. The paper still needs to add more information i.e., methods and conclusion (limitations, practical implications, and future direction).