

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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

This study aims to investigate the Gastrointestinal (GI) symptoms and comorbidities that associate with this pandemic in 4 different regions of Iran. The authors analyzed data from SARS-CoV-2 positive patients evaluated at hospitals of Iran (n=91) . The results show hypertension and diabetes as the most common comorbidities. Nausea, diarrhea and elevated liver enzymes were the most common GI symptoms. There was also a high mortality rate that associated with high infection rates in Iran in the beginning of the pandemic. Minor issues 1 As the authors mentioned, small sample size is the major limitation of this study 2. lack of long term follow-up data in this study 3. Data related the duration of Gastrointestinal (GI) symptoms was also lacking.