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Language quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

General comments This review describes the effect of COVID-19 infection to the liver in normal subjects, subjects with liver disease and transplant recipient. This is a well written review, however, there has been a lot of review similar to this which was published recently. I am not sure the scientific value of this manuscript. For example, there was a review article published in this journal in Feb, 2021 (World J Gastroenterol. 2021 Feb 7;27(5):377-390.).

Specific comments Both figures are well depicted. ACE2 is expressed highly in cholangiocyte. What is the reason why COVID-19 patient typically present as hepatocellular injury rather than cholestatic picture? I do understand why hepatocellular injury occurs, but why not so much on chlestatic injury?



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This manuscript is a sensible discussion of the conflicting and of course incomplete literature to date regarding effects of the novel coronavirus on the liver, divided up according to the presence or absence of liver disease or a transplant. Comments

1. In the introduction, "apparatus" is a poor term for organ systems and should be replaced
2. "Delicate subject" is ambiguous because is not clear if the authors are referring to the patient or the topic
3. When the authors say, "hardly beaten", I think they meant the opposite i.e. badly beaten.
4. In the chronic liver disease section, the authors quote expert opinion to avoid steroids in patients with alcoholic hepatitis and COVID-19. This is an important statement because corticosteroids are essentially are only effective treatment for alcoholic hepatitis. Similarly, we know that corticosteroids are commonly given to COVID-19 patients. The authors need to give this statement more discussion. I believe many clinicians would be reluctant to withhold corticosteroids in such a scenario without very strong evidence that it would be harmful. If the authors know of such evidence that should be directly referenced.
5. There are 2 typographical errors in the Legend to figure 1 concerning the words which and corresponding.
7. The authors present new concepts and the conclusion. Instead, this should be moved into the text of their article.



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Authors has addressed reviewer's comment's appropriately and this is a well written



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manuscript. Unfortunately, as I stated in the initial review, there are too many similar review articles had been published recently to ass value to the current literature.