

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Academic degree: MD

Professional title: Doctor

Reviewer's Country/Territory: Japan

Author's Country/Territory: Austria

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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 Grade E: Do not publish
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Peer-reviewer
statements**

Peer-Review: [☒] Anonymous [☐] Onymous

Conflicts-of-Interest: [☐] Yes [☒] No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a case report of secondary sclerosing cholangitis associated with COVID-19 infection. There are several concerns to be mentioned. 1)As the authors described, there are several reports describing the occurrence of secondary sclerosing cholangitis (SSC) after COVID-19 infection. What is the novelty of this case report? 2)Abbreviations such as SC-CIP should be used after their spelling out. 3)The description of Fig 2.in the manuscript (lines 136-149) contradicts the actual figures. 4)There are some misspellings. Please correct them.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Your study provides important findings of this condition. It will lead to early detection in the COVID ICU population. This is a good quality case report from a University level center. Limitation I agree is the lack of biopsy/autopsy findings and slides to bolster the hypothesis. A biopsy in a future case would be ideal.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Authors, thank you for highlighting the secondary sclerosing cholangitis after COVID-19. This patient stayed in ICU for more than 5 months with various modalities including ECMO support. The secondary sclerosing cholangitis in this patients may be due to COVID-19 or simply because of superimposed sepsis and multiple interventional due to prolonged ICU stay. The authors would need to give a full differential diagnosis and then make the diagnosis of exclusion.

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thank you for revising your manuscript.

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Tahnk you for your revision.This manuscript is well revised.