

Supplementary Information- Liver Injury in COVID-19: the current evidence

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Search Strategy

A literature search was performed as advanced Search on Google Scholar as of May 22nd and included the keyword: “COVID”, “nCoV”, “novel Corona”, “SARS-CoV-2” added with the following words: “gastrointestinal”, “diarrhea”, “vomiting”, “anorexia”, “abdominal”, “hepatic”, “liver”, “hepatobiliary” yielding 9 relevant articles. A further manual search of literature from the references and citations of those 9 articles has provided 46 more manuscripts, of which, 13 were directly related to the gastrointestinal route of COVID-19 transmission or complications due to the viral infection, and 7 provide clinical/pathological evidence on the hepatic complications due to this specific infection. The rest of the literature (n=26) provided evidence on general clinical characteristics, some including hepatobiliary data. In addition an advanced search of PubMed database using the selected keywords yielded 5 articles that were also identified in Google scholar search. Using the “Similar Articles” option in the PubMed platform this yielded articles (n=50) which provide evidence on general clinical characteristics.