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## SARS-CoV-2 vaccination in chronic liver disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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**Condition being studied:** There have been some studies on COVID-19 vaccination in patients with chronic liver disease, but no meta-analysis has been performed.

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### METHODS

**Search strategy:** (COVID-19 OR SARS-CoV-2 OR 2019-nCoV) AND (Vaccine OR Vaccination) AND (hepatitis OR fatty liver

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OR cirrhosis OR chronic liver disease OR abscess OR liver cancer OR hepatic carcinoma OR hepatocellular carcinoma OR alcoholic liver disease OR non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) OR liver failure OR liver transplantation (LT) OR liver transplant OR liver draft).

**Participant or population:** Patients with chronic liver disease (including liver cirrhosis, liver cancer, liver transplant recipients).

**Intervention:** Receive the COVID-19 vaccines.

**Comparator:** Healthy populations.

**Study designs to be included:** Studies with healthy controls were screened to calculate the pooled positive antibody rate and OR value of patients with chronic liver disease and healthy people after vaccination with the COVID-19 vaccines. Studies on the overall incidence of adverse reactions in patients with chronic liver disease after vaccination with the COVID-19 vaccine were screened.

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**Information sources:** PubMed, Embase, and Medline.

**Main outcome(s):** The OR value of the positive antibody rate in patients with chronic liver disease and healthy people after vaccination with the COVID-19 vaccines.

**Additional outcome(s):** The positive antibody rate in patients with chronic liver

disease and healthy people after vaccination with the COVID-19 vaccines; the pooled incidence of adverse reactions in patients with chronic liver disease.

**Data management:** Reference management was performed in Endnote X9.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** Using the Newcastle-Ottawa quality assessment scale for case-control studies.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** Performing a meta-analysis using StataSE version 15.

**Subgroup analysis:** Stratification analyses were performed to examine whether seropositivity rates of antibody were modified by other variables, including antibody detection interval, vaccine type, antibody type to SARS-CoV-2, underlying liver disease.

**Sensitivity analysis:** None.

**Language:** English.

**Country(ies) involved:** China.

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