

Review of: "SARS-CoV-2 Infection and Blood Group Associations in the United Arab Emirates"

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This is a well-written and important manuscript addressing an important topic. However, in the introduction, hardly any references were cited to support the statements made.

In the methods, the authors only took nasal swabs for analysis. Why didn't they take throat swabs as well, which is the usual procedure that leads to higher chances of obtaining the virus from both swabs? They mentioned taking clinical and laboratory data but did not indicate which clinical and laboratory data was collected. Similarly, they talked about demographic characteristics but did not indicate which ones. In the statistical analysis, what p-value was considered as significant? Is it p.05 as stated or p less than 0.05? The discussion was well done, but it would have been nice to attempt to give an explanation of possible reasons why some of their findings were contrary to other researchers' findings.