

phenomenon in association with the transmissibility and pathogenicity of SARS-CoV-2 itself. Regarding the Wang *et al.* [5] report, we may assume that HT and DM unless complicated do not have worsening effect on the mortality of COVID pandemics in elderly. Therefore, it is crucially important to pay full attention on strategies for preventing the spreading of the current COVID-19 and the future outbreak, and for developing therapeutics and vaccine against COVID-19. The continuing inflow of new clinical data during the outbreak of COVID 19 would elucidate the apprehension on HT, DM and renin–angiotensin system blockers.

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Conflicts of interest

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