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Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_119403
Title of the Manuscript:	Profile of D-Dimer Levels in Patients Confirmed Positive for COVID-19 at the Indonesian Christian University Hospital
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This paper is more a quality improvement report on whether guidelines were being followed by the clinical staff in the Christian University hospital. Prophylactic use of anticoagulation, as mentioned in the study, is a part of many guidelines. The study does not report any new thoughts for the scientific community per se. Essentially it states that if the D-Dimer was elevated with moderate COVID symptoms an anticoagulant was prescribed (which is standard practice) 2. Yes 3. Greater detail on the methods would be advisable. Spelling errors also present 4. Yes 5. No – sample size quite small so statistical significance difficult to gauge. Also methodology difficult to reproduce and large possibility of prescribing bias. This study is more on prescribing habits than associations 6. Can look at the following: Beidollahkhani, S., Fayedeh, F., Shoja, A. <i>et al.</i> D-dimer as a biomarker for COVID-19-associated pulmonary thromboembolism: a narrative review from molecular pathways to the imaging findings. <i>Egypt J Bronchol</i> 17, 44 (2023). https://doi.org/10.1186/s43168-023-00221-6 	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? 	Needs some work with regards to grammar and colloquialism usage	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	Perhaps the study could be altered to look at prescribing habits (anticoagulation) of clinicians in COVID – 19 patients. i.e The more ill the patient the more likely they are to receive anticoagulation	

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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