

Review of: "A nicotinic hypothesis for Covid-19 with preventive and therapeutic implications"

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As a clinician/pulmonologist, I have very limited competence to criticize the biological aspects of this exciting text. But I think the very first sentence of the article, which reads "Symptomatic Covid-19 disease (...) is observed in 2.5 percent of infected individuals [2] ", must be corrected.

I had difficulties in finding the 2.5% figure in the authors' reference #2 (Lauer et al. Ann Intern Med 2020). I could only find it in a footnote to figure 2, but the complete quote is "...fewer than 2.5% of infected persons will display symptoms WITHIN 2.2 days...". By definition, in this study of 181 confirmed COVID-19 cases designed to estimate the length of the incubation period, all patients were symptomatic.

Correcting this error can only improve the credibility of the entire text.