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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this manuscript the authors explored the natural history of covert hepatic encephalopathy (CHE) and identified predictors for exacerbation and resolution of CHE, in a 366 cirrhotic patients cohort in a Chinese tertiary care hospital. Patients were enrolled and evaluated for CHE diagnosis. Serum albumin was the sole predictor for developing overt hepatic encephalopathy (OHE) and blood creatinine predicted mortality. Interestingly, they found that CHE could exacerbate, persist or resolve without medication interference in clinically stable cirrhosis. In general the paper is well-written, and the results interesting. Minor changes need to be done for publication, English language needs to be addressed, greek symbols are confusing and so is the English language in some parts of the discussion. L226: space missing between education and the. L234: please replace testings by analysis/ses L323: among is incorrect