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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

Manuscript NO: 43414

Title: Body-mass index correlates with severity and mortality in acute pancreatitis – a meta-analysis

Reviewer’s code: 01489017

Reviewer’s country: Sweden

Science editor: Xue-Jiao Wang

Date sent for review: 2018-11-12

Date reviewed: 2018-11-13

Review time: 1 Day

SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
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publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript by Dobszai and colleagues represents a timely contribution to the question how the body mass index (BMI) is influencing the outcome of acute pancreatitis (AP). They conducted a meta-analysis by following the strict rules how to execute such



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endeavour. The study is flawless from a technical point of view, e.g. by obeying to PRISMA and registration with PROSPERO. As to the discussion, I would like the authors to make reference to the current IAP/APA guidelines on acute pancreatitis.

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

Google Search:

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Reviewer’s country: Japan

Science editor: Xue-Jiao Wang

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Review time: 6 Days

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			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

General comments: The authors made meta-analysis on the relation between body-mass index and severity/mortality in acute pancreatitis. They found that a BMI above 25 increases the risk of severe AP, while a BMI > 30 raises the risk of mortality and that a



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BMI < 18.5 carries an almost two times higher risk of mortality in AP. The manuscript is well written. Specific comments: Figures 1, 2, and 3. Are these figures necessary?

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