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As a co-author of this manuscript, entitled: "Bacterial infection triggers and complicates acute-on-chronic liver failure in patients with HBV-decompensated cirrhosis: a retrospective-cohort study", I have proofread this manuscript carefully. I am a physician scientist, and working in the Discipline of Pathology, the University of Sydney for the last 30 years.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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