

Dr. Lian-Sheng Ma

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Dear Dr. Lian-Sheng Ma,

Enclosed please find the revised version of the manuscript entitled **“Extracorporeal liver support in severe alcoholic hepatitis”**. In preparing the new version we have taken into account all the suggestions and criticisms raised by the reviewers.

Reviewer 1:

Certainly the introduction was very long and, therefore, it has been shortened.

Reviewer 2:

The abstract has been modified and included in the manuscript. Table 2 has been modified as well, and the statistically significant differences have been included in figure 1.

A comment regarding the high TNF-alpha levels in the dialyzate was already discussed in the text (page 7, lines 29 and 30).

Data on the MELD score has been included (page 7, line 11)

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Information regarding lack of differences between patients with short and long-term survival has been included in the manuscript (page 9, last paragraph).

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Reviewer 3:

General comments: In this invited review article the authors give a nice overview on alcoholic hepatitis and the favorable effects of extracorporeal liver support. The authors analyze the improvement of systemic hemodynamics, hepatic encephalopathy and renal function. The review is written fluently and easy to follow. The current literature is quoted in a very balanced way and all major mechanisms involved in ALD are discussed profoundly.

Reviewer 4:

This manuscript reviews the latest treatments of alcoholic liver disease using various liver support systems. The article is well written and describes how these extracorporeal liver support systems work and the pros and cons of each one. I would like to see the authors describe more about the standard treatments using drugs and why it is better or worse to use the liver support systems. Also, is there any literature describing the combination of both therapies together.

The new version includes a summary of the standard treatments for severe alcoholic hepatitis. This part was deleted from the first version following the recommendation of one of the initial reviewers.

We would like to thank the Editors and the reviewers for the interesting issues raised and hope that the manuscript is now suitable for publication in **World Journal of Gastroenterology**.

Sincerely yours,

Albert Parés