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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a nutritional assessment review of patients with liver cirrhosis. Please summarize each evaluation result in a table from the references in an easy-to-understand manner.

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The present manuscript summarizes current knowledge of the different aspects of malnutrition in patients with liver cirrhosis. It presents guidelines for estimation of the severity of malnutrition using clinical scores, lab parameters, and imaging techniques. I have only minor points: 1. In Figure 1, the increased protein catabolism may be included as a factor contributing to malnutrition. 2. My question: Are there lab marker or biomarkers that could better indicate malnutrition/hypermetabolism/hypercatabolism than the usual biochemical parameters? E.g. BCAA, ammonia, markers of intestinal permeability (zonulin family, intestinal fatty acid binding protein), cytokines (e.g. IL6, TNF-alpha) 3. Which is the influence of portal hypertension on malnutrition? 4. Many patients receive propranolol for prevention of variceal bleeding. Does this play a role in the nutritional status? 5. Is there an effect of steroid hormone levels? Androgens or estrogens?

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

You should also mention nutritional therapy for patients with cirrhosis and how to evaluate it.