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Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is a pertinent study. The following are suggested to enhance the quality of manuscript: 1. The language and formatting requires correction 2. The discussion needs to be enhanced by including the following: a. Bajaj JS, O'Leary JG, Tandon P, Wong F, Kamath PS, Biggins SW, Garcia-Tsao G, Lai J, Fallon MB, Thuluvath PJ, Vargas HE, Maliakkal B, Subramanian RM, Thacker LR, Reddy KR. Targets to improve quality of care for patients with hepatic encephalopathy: data from a multi-centre cohort. *Aliment Pharmacol Ther.* 2019 Jun;49(12):1518-1527. doi: 10.1111/apt.15265. Epub 2019 Apr 29. PMID: 31032966; PMCID: PMC6538445. b. Tapper EB, Volk M. Strategies to Reduce 30-Day Readmissions in Patients with Cirrhosis. *Curr Gastroenterol Rep.* 2017 Jan;19(1):1. doi: 10.1007/s11894-017-0543-3. PMID: 28101791. c. Chirapongsathorn S, Talwalkar JA, Kamath PS. Strategies to Reduce Hospital Readmissions. *Semin Liver Dis.* 2016 May;36(2):161-6. doi: 10.1055/s-0036-1583196. Epub 2016 May 12. PMID: 27172358. d. Kanwal F, Asch SM, Kramer JR, Cao Y, Asrani S, El-Serag HB. Early outpatient follow-up and 30-day outcomes in patients hospitalized with cirrhosis. *Hepatology.* 2016 Aug;64(2):569-81. doi: 10.1002/hep.28558. Epub 2016 Apr 28. PMID: 26991920. e.



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This study investigated the impact of various interventions and early outpatient follow-up to reduce early readmission in patients with DC. Active pre-clinical intervention and early follow up for patients with DC is needed, this topic is interesting and important. Additionally, some issues should be taking care of: 1. The impact of COVID-19 global pandemic outbreak on this study is mentioned several times in manuscript, conversely the analysis and discussion of the results is not detailed and clear. Therefore, it is difficult to draw the conclusion of this study. 2. This manuscript was well written. However, there are some punctuation errors. For example, the punctuation in table 3 and 6. Please modify these format.