

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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Provenance and peer review: Unsolicited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Author(s), 1/ I reviewed your efforts, but I saw that you presented personal ideas without proof from the ground, particularly on your part as researchers, as evidenced by what you claimed in the report about the study's author in Reference No. 2. I hope you will abandon this framework and elevate the scientific level by doing a real-world comparison using the available data and specific reasons. 2/ A linguistic corrector or a native English speaker is required to resolve various linguistic faults in the document. Good luck,

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It is too long to be letter to editor Avoid terms like we , watching .., New should be replaced by latest Will patients understand this topic , it is for clinicians would affect to be replaced by may improve or improve Authors should refer to Table 1 Where etiology of 42 patients is given There is etiological clearance evident on short follow ups in study.In your view , what is minimum period for assesing etiological clearance

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The authors have submitted a letter to the editor regarding the manuscript entitled "Impressive recompensation in transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt-treated individuals with complications of decompensated cirrhosis based on Baveno VII criteria." previously published by Gao L, Li MB, Li JY, Liu Y, Ren C and Feng DP in the World Journal of Gastroenterology in 2023, volume 29, issue 38, pages 5383-5394, DOI: 10.3748/wjg.v29.i38.5383. According to the authors of the letter, the Baveno VII concept of hepatic recompensation focuses on the clearance of the etiological factor of the chronic liver disease and proof of clinical and biochemical improvement of the patient's conditions. The authors comment that in Gao et al's paper which presented their retrospective analysis on 64 patients who received TIPS for variceal bleeding or refractory ascites one third of the patient population achieved hepatic recompensation as per Baveno VII criteria, stressing out that the novelty of Gao's investigation is that they added a therapeutic intervention for portal hypertension in addition to etiological clearance. However, the authors argue that a main drawback of Gao's study is that they did not mention in the manuscript the primary disease from which the study cohort



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suffered and if the patients achieved etiological clearance or only suppression in order to accurately fulfil the Baveno VII criteria. Although the letter is interesting, I believe it requires a more extensive analysis of the literature. The authors state that therapeutic interventions such as TIPS can be considered in criteria of recompensation independent of clearance of the primary disease in future recompensation definitions in case it could not be achieved or sub-optimally achieved, as in many cases with non-alcohol and non-viral etiologies, however, they do not support their claims/suppositions with data from the literature. According to the journal's guidelines, it is not satisfactory to only mention that future prospective, multicentric studies or randomized controlled trials are needed to clarify these points. A Letter to the Editor that only recapitulates information published in the article(s) and states that more studies are needed is not acceptable, thus I recommend you enrich your paper with at least 1 page of text to support your hypothesis based on data from the recent literature.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The authors have accurately revised the paper which can now be accepted for publication.