

Answering reviewers

Reviewer code # 2861217

Comments to authors:

Dear Colleagues, your manuscript is touches upon very actual field of Hepatology. No doubt, it should be accepted after minor revision. My remarks are following: Manuscript contains many mechanical mistakes (noted with red in checking version), f.e. different (3-4) letters in abbreviations (WHP/WHPG), abbreviations should be open under table 3. Child-Pugh class ought to be mentioned in upper letters, with respect to author(s). Please clarify acute response and chronic response on carvedilol (page 5, noted with red). On page 5 second paragraph contain not clear ad incorrect explanation, please revise it. There is a mistake and discordance on page 11 in calculation of non-responders with previous data and figure 2 (instead 38 non-responders you mentioned 62 with subsequent discordance 42%). Thank you for understanding. Sincerely

Answer: We would like to thank the reviewer for liking our manuscript. The comments are really helpful.

- ➔ We corrected the abbreviations and added the abbreviations under table 3.
- ➔ We mentioned the Child-Pugh class in upper letters as recommended.
- ➔ We added definitions for acute response and chronic response on carvedilol.
- ➔ We revised the second paragraph and cleared the explanation.
- ➔ The calculation of numbers of non-responders on page 11 was corrected.

Reviewer code # 41468

The observational study of Wani et al. seems to be the first which demonstrates that a sequential treatment (carvedilol+simvastatin) strategy is an excellent policy in the pharmacological management of portal hypertension. The study is well designed and well presented. Minor comment: the article about prognostic role of spontaneous spleno-renal shunts must be referred (Tarantino G, Citro V, 2009). Also the clinical use of ammonium level must be discussed (Tarantino G, Citro V, Esposito P, 2009). Minor language polishing is required. After minor changes, I suggest to accept the manuscript for publication.

Answer: We would like to thank the reviewer for the valuable comments.

- ➔ We added a paragraph in our discussion section referring to the pertinent articles mentioned regarding prognostic role of spleno-renal shunts and the

clinical use of ammonium level. (Tarantino G, Citro V, 2009) and (Tarantino G, Citro V, Esposito P, 2009)

- ➔ We tried our best to improve the language of our MS. All the recent changes were highlighted in yellow colour.

Reviewer# 58872

Authors should refer and consequently quote the pertinent articles, to a modern C-P classification to characterize the severity of the liver cirrhosis. What are the implications of spontaneous spleno-renal shunts in liver cirrhosis? BMC Gastroenterol. 2009 Nov 24;9:89. Blood ammonia levels in liver cirrhosis: a clue for the presence of portosystemic collateral veins. BMC Gastroentero. 2009 Mar 17;9:21.

Answer: We would like to thank the reviewer for the helpful comments.

- ➔ Article related to the modern C-P classification to characterize the severity of liver cirrhosis is been referred in our introduction section.
- ➔ As recommended, both the articles were quoted and discussed in the discussion of our manuscript.

Editor's comments:

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Answers: We added the comment section.

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Answers: We added the available PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation.

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