

Dear Editors and Reviewers,

Thank you for editor and reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript NO.60854, 'Comparative Study of the ICG-R15, Child-Pugh Score and MELD Score for the Prediction of HE after TIPS'. Those comments are all valuable and helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. Revised portion are marked in red in the paper. The responds to the comments are as following:

Reviewer 1

Comments: In my opinion, this study can be accepted after a minor editing.

Reviewer 2

Comments: 1. Although the manuscript is well written, an editing is required. 2. The tables and notes of the tables are mixed up in the main text. Please check and move them to the end of the text. And also, some lines are not clear in the table 2. Please check and revise. 3. Minor language polishing should be proofed.

Reviewer 3

Comments: 1. The manuscript requires a minor editing. There are some minor language polishing. 2. Tables require editing. Please check and re-structure the tables carefully. 3. If the Article Highlight are not required by the journal, it should be removed.

Response: We have edited the manuscript as requested. The tables and notes of the tables have been checked and moved to the end of the text. Minor language polishing has been proofed.

Sincerely yours,

Fuquan Liu on behalf of the authors.

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