

# ANSWERING REVIEWERS

**Name of Journal:** World Journal of Hepatology

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**Column:** Retrospective Study

**Title:** Racial and gender-based disparities and trends in common psychiatric conditions in liver cirrhosis hospitalizations: A ten-year United States study

## **Reviewer 1:**

**Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

**Language Quality:** Grade A (Priority publishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (General priority)

## **Specific Comments to Authors:**

1. Whether the increased incidence of psychiatric illnesses in hospitalized patients with cirrhosis is related to increasing age or other causes? It needs to be clarified.

Response: We appreciate your thoughtful and supportive critique. As all psychiatric illnesses are multifactorial, it is impossible to relate them to one specific cause. Our analysis demonstrates more patients belonged to a younger age group, 50–64 years (49%), followed by 65–79 years (21%). Additionally, all reported odds ratios (adjusted) were adjusted for age but still showed increased association with psychiatric disorders like GAD, PTSD, and SI. Moreover, we would refrain from terms like incidence; instead, we used prevalence, as this is a retrospective analysis. We have now mentioned this in our study limitations.

**Reviewer 2:**

**Scientific Quality:** Grade A (Excellent)

**Language Quality:** Grade A (Priority publishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (High priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:**

1. The manuscript has been well written and is very informative.

**Response:** Thank you for the encouragement.