

RESPONSE TO THE REVIEWERS (Manuscript ID: 87599)

Dear Editors and Reviewers,

Thank you for your valuable comments and suggestions about our manuscript entitled “Prevalence and risk factors of lymphatic dysfunctions in cirrhosis patients with refractory ascites: An often unconsidered mechanism” (manuscript no 87599, Observational study). These are very helpful for revising and improving our manuscript. The revised manuscript has been edited for proper English language by a professional body (certificate included).

Our point-by-point responses to the issues raised in the peer review report are as follows:

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade C (A great deal of language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: Well-conducted study on a fairly relevant topic, congratulations. My only comment is, the use of language and style are somehow colloquial. Can the Authors work on that and make the paper more solid in terms of scientific style?

Authors' response: Thank you for your valuable opinion and suggestion. The revised manuscript has been thoroughly edited keeping in mind the aforementioned suggestions. In order to enhance English language, we also sought assistance from a professional body (certificate included).

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: The authors have conducted a very good study in a very systemic manner. i am not sure how much clinical impact/significance it will have on patients management. The authors need to improve the introduction of the study as well as improve the overall grammar quality of the study.

Authors' response: Thank you for your valuable comments and suggestion. We share your concern about the potential clinical implications of our study's findings. We believe that the findings of this study provide a foundation for further clinical research to determine whether treating lymphatic dysfunction can enhance fluid mobilisation in cirrhotic patients. As per suggestion, the introduction section has been modified and improved in terms of its content and clarity (highlighted in yellow). The revised manuscript has been thoroughly edited by a profession body for the improvement in English language (certificate included).

4 LANGUAGE POLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR REVISED MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY AUTHORS WHO ARE NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH

As the revision process results in changes to the content of the manuscript, language problems may exist in the revised manuscript. Thus, it is necessary to perform further language polishing that will ensure all grammatical, syntactical, formatting and other related errors be resolved, so that the revised manuscript will meet the publication requirement (Grade A).

Authors are requested to send their revised manuscript to a professional English language editing company or a native English-speaking expert to polish the manuscript further. When the authors submit the subsequent polished manuscript to us, they must provide a new language certificate along with the manuscript.

Authors' response: The revised manuscript has been edited for proper English language by a profession body and a high quality has been achieved (certificate included).

5 ABBREVIATIONS

In general, do not use non-standard abbreviations, unless they appear at least two times in the text preceding the first usage/definition. Certain commonly used abbreviations, such as DNA, RNA, HIV, LD50, PCR, HBV, ECG, WBC, RBC, CT, ESR, CSF, IgG, ELISA, PBS, ATP, EDTA, and mAb, do not need to be defined and can be used directly.

Authors' response: **Authors' response:** Thank you for your valuable comment. The revised manuscript has been thoroughly been edited keeping in mind the aforementioned suggestions.

6 EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS

Authors must revise the manuscript according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions, which are listed below:

(1) Science editor:

The manuscript has been peer-reviewed, and it' s ready for the first decision.

Language Quality: Grade C (A great deal of language polishing)

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Authors' response: Thank you for your valuable opinion.

(2) Company editor-in-chief:

I recommend the manuscript to be published in the World Journal of Hepatology. Before final acceptance, when revising the manuscript, the author must supplement and improve the highlights of the latest cutting-edge research results, thereby further improving the content of the manuscript. To this end, authors are advised to apply a new tool, the Reference Citation Analysis (RCA). RCA is an artificial intelligence technology-based open

multidisciplinary citation analysis database. In it, upon obtaining search results from the keywords entered by the author, "Impact Index Per Article" under "Ranked by" should be selected to find the latest highlight articles, which can then be used to further improve an article under preparation/peer-review/revision. Please visit our RCA database for more information at: <https://www.referencecitationanalysis.com/>.

Authors' response: Thank you for recommending acceptance of our paper for the esteemed journal – World Journal of Hepatology. We have revised the manuscript thoroughly as per the revisers' suggestions and the journal's guidelines.

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