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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name:WJH2338.doc).

Title: Cirrhotic ascites review: pathophysiology, diagnosis and management.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Reviewer 00030874:
 - a. Splanchnic vasodilation and PICD and the role of vasopressors have now been addressed on page 14 (bottom) to page 15 (top).
 - b. Role of vasopressors and sympatholytics in refractory ascites have now been addressed on page 15 (middle) to page 16 (top).
 - c. Role of beta-blockers in refractory ascites has now been addressed within part (b), on page 16 (top).
 - d. New criteria for HRS are included on page 20 (bottom).
 - e. The role of vasopressors in treatment of HRS has now been addressed on page 21 (middle to bottom).

2. Reviewer 01800329:
 - a. Pancreatic ascites as a differential cause of ascites has now been addressed on page 4 (middle).
 - b. Release of aldosterone from "renal cortex" has been corrected to "adrenal cortex" on page 6 (top).
 - c. IVC web/stricture as a cause of "fast" ascites formation has been removed on page 6 (bottom) and is now noted as a "slow" cause of ascites formation on page 4 (top).
 - d. The comment about infection/sepsis excluding HRS has been removed; and the document now notes SBP as common precipitant for HRS on page 20 (bottom).
 - e. Terlipressin and norepinephrine (noradrenaline) in HRS treatment have now been addressed on page 21 (middle).
 - f. The noted sentences on the original P14 "progressive renal injury with a rise in creatinine..." and P15 "should have their electrolytes monitored closely so as to overt..." have been re-written for clarity as suggested.

3. References and typesetting were corrected:
 - a. "Title," "Author," "Telephone," "Fax," and "Core Tip" have been formatted as requested.
 - b. Citations now include the PMID and DOI where appropriate.



Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Moore', written in a cursive style.

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