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Re: Manuscript entitled: Clinical Features of Alcoholic Hepatitis in Latinos and Caucasians: a Single Center Experience.

Dear Editors,

My co-authors and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to resubmit our manuscript in a first revision. Our specific responses to each critique are as follows.

Reviewer 1:

Pinon-Gutierrez, et al. retrospectively compared the clinical features of alcoholic hepatitis (AH) in Latinos and Caucasians. They found that Latinos have significant higher rates of utilization of acute care services for manifestations AH and complications, suggesting poor access to outpatient care. The study is well performed and well-written. My only concern is that the abbreviations in the abstract should be explained.

The abbreviations in the abstract were explained.

Reviewer 2:

This is a retrospective observational study, comparing the clinical features of AH in two ethnics. The number of cases compared are different too much and actually small (64 Latino,) therefore, I am not sure whether this study can contribute for the future prospective study.

We conducted a retrospective chart review on patients diagnosed and treated locally for alcoholic hepatitis. A larger study would imply a multi-center collaboration which at this point is unfortunately beyond the scope of our work. However, this may be a relatively small study but it is the first in this field and it is based on a well-characterized group of patients. In fact, we are providing several in-depth clinical data on the subjects' clinical features and prognosis. Therefore, we hope that the reviewers agree that our data can contribute to improve the care of Latino patients with alcoholic hepatitis.

We hope that our manuscript will be considered adequate for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology.