

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This study addresses the important subject of patient admissions with alcoholic liver cirrhosis and alcoholic pancreatitis. This is relevant because of missed opportunities to prevent and diagnose liver / pancreatic disease early through targeted interventions. I feel it would be important for the team to mention how "first diagnosis" was defined? Did they use a lookback approach (like in our Scottish study?). Also, I am not sure why patients with diagnosis under the age of 28 were excluded (and why that age?). How many patients with first diagnosis of alcoholic cirrhosis / pancreatitis were in this age group? Was the lack of data because paediatric information was not available? Given the significant health burden for these patient and the huge potential of life saved I feel that these patients should be included. The inclusion of patients with alcoholic pancreatitis makes the study interesting and is a real strength (I was surprised by the

high number compared to patients with liver disease, probably because these patients are usually managed by surgical teams). It would be useful to know more about this population for example in a follow on study (difference in survival / readmissions?)? In figure 2 the histograms show time ranges which should be clarified in the X axis (e.g. "9 - 10 years" rather than "10 years")

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An interesting manuscript. In order to facilitate reading of the article I suggest that the authors provide the name of the alcohol-related ICD-10 entities (F10.0, etc, page 7)