

Response to reviewers

In a few points the english spelling has to be corrected. The authors made a very detailed research about this topic, and their contribution is quite complete. I suggest, if possible, to discuss the problem of cirrhotic porto-pulmonary hypertension and the decrease in immunological defenses of old patients.

This review aimed to identify potential specific problems related to advanced age in cirrhosis. They reviewed 174 manuscripts and described the problems and the measures of dealing with them. This review is important, since the percentage of old population is significantly high now and will increase in future. I have only a few minor comments. Minor comments #1. P6, line 22. The second « to » should be deleted. #2. P10, line 21. « japanese » should be « Japanese ». #3. Page 15, line 3. What does « ase » mean ?

First of all, we want to thank the reviewers for their precious and encouraging comments.

About spelling : we asked for a second proofreading by a native speaker of English.

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There is very little data in the literature on these two aspects. We added some in the body of the text.

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Sorry the right word is “as” and the correction is made in the text.

For the authors, Paul Carrier.