



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Professional title: Adjunct Professor

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority)	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision		<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
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This retrospective study was performed in 3 Australian Centers, and despite being retrospective had a methodology that minimized this problem. One question: Why did the authors included patients with non-HCC neoplasia? Would this inclusion not compromise survival outcomes?

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We suggest, if possible, to discuss the factors that cause hepatic encephalopathy (HE): are they specific or common with other complication of cirrhosis, as portal hypertension, ascites, etc.? I think that HE represent a multi-factorial complication in the frame of cirrhosis, correlated with an advanced disease. Differently, it could be supposed that HE is a proper metabolic complication, caused by a simple impairment of one or multiple biochemical functions, correlated with a volumetric decrease in liver functioning parenchyma, or with an superimposed external aggression. In this case the test of green indocyanine could be a good prognostic index. This could be useful to better understand the importance of an early diagnosis of HE and of a long-term treatment.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer’s expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
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			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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The paper can be accepted , mainly referring to an Australian experience.

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