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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for the opportunity to review the manuscript titled, Timing of paracentesis and outcomes in decompensated cirrhosis. Data regarding the optimal time of paracentesis and outcomes among patients with cirrhosis and ascites are scarce. It's a very interesting topic. The viewpoint of this article is objective and clinically useful.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for inviting me to review this article. It is an interesting article. However, whether there are other unrelated diseases such as heart disease between EP and DP groups should be further discussed. Secondly, I think the multivariate logistic regression in Table 4 is not appropriate. Otherwise it is very meaningful. Perhaps it could be published as an abstract.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this retrospective study, Toci et al. compared the outcomes of early and late paracentesis for patients with cirrhosis. They recommended early paracentesis, if possible, to improve patient outcomes. 1. It was unclear in this study whether complications associated with cirrhosis including encephalopathy, hepato-renal syndrome, and infections were present prior to paracentesis or these complications developed after the paracentesis. If these complications were present prior to the paracentesis and were the obstacle to perform early paracentesis, it seems strange that these factors were analyzed mixed with post-paracentesis outcomes (mortality, re-admission) (Table 4). 2. A P value was assigned to each category (Table 1 and 3). For example, A P value of 0.43 is assigned for male gender (Table 1). What does it mean? This P value is not for male/female ratio?