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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The letter to editor by Andrea & Francesco provide a comment to highlight the preliminary nature of the evidence reported by the authors. Further studies are needed to validate the ALBI score in predicting decompensation in patients with cirrhosis. The comments are insightful and constructive.

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In this study, the author diagnosed cirrhosis by using radiology tolls. However, the author also collected data on history, etiology of cirrhosis and laboratory data.(1) In inclusion criteria, the author didn't describe the characteristics of esophageal varices but the author showed the ALBI score. Many studies show that ALBI is a highly prognostic score for liver cirrhosis, it is correlated with HVPG levels, and it can be used to predict the presence of gastroesophageal varices and to stratify bleeding risk.(2)(3) Decompensated cirrhosis has many complications. In some studies, ascites is the most frequently documented (4). In this study, it was variceal bleeding. The number of patients with high-risk ALBI grade was scarce because the sample size was not enough big. The decompensation events were also scarce because the time of follow-up was not long. References 1.Navadurong H, Thanapriom K, Wejnaruemarn S, Prasoppokakorn T, et al . Validation of the albumin-bilirubin score for identifying decompensation risk in patients with compensated cirrhosis. World J of Gastroenterol 2023; 29: 4873-4882 2.Hsieh YC, Lee KC, Wang YW, Yang YY, Hou MC, Huo TI, Lin HC. Correlation and prognostic accuracy between noninvasive liver fibrosis markers and portal pressure in



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I accept the above Letter to Editor (88341) for publications. It's very well-written. So, my comment- It's accepted for publication.