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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors conducted an observational study on the clinical characteristics and outcomes of bacterial or fungal infections in patients with severe liver disease admitted to MILU, which has certain novelty. However, due to the small number of enrolled samples, there may be some bias, especially the rate of fungal infection is much higher than that reported in the literature, which needs to be highlighted in the discussion.