

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
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Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript titled "Role of Albumin-Bilirubin Score in Non-Malignant Liver Disease" by Xu SX et al. for the World Journal of Gastroenterology is an editorial piece. It focuses on the application and relevance of the Albumin-Bilirubin (ALBI) score in various liver diseases beyond hepatocellular carcinoma. Here is a detailed review based on scientific methodology, language, style, statistical analysis, and overall quality:

Scientific Methodology and Relevance: Comprehensiveness: The manuscript provides a thorough review of the ALBI score's utility in different liver conditions, including primary biliary cholangitis, hepatitis B and C viral infections, unspecified cirrhosis, liver transplantation, and liver injury.

Evidence and Citations: The authors have extensively cited relevant studies to support their arguments, which strengthens the manuscript's scientific credibility.

Clinical Relevance: The application of ALBI in non-malignant liver diseases is a topic of significant clinical importance, offering an alternative to more subjective assessment methods like the Child-Pugh score.

Language and Style: Clarity and Readability: The language is formal, clear, and appropriate for an academic medical journal. However, some sections could benefit from a more concise presentation to



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enhance readability. Analysis: Data Interpretation: The authors effectively interpret data from various studies, discussing the prognostic value of the ALBI score in different contexts. Comparative Analysis: The manuscript compares the ALBI score with other scoring systems like the Child-Pugh and MELD scores, highlighting its advantages and limitations. Overall Quality and Integrity: Originality: The editorial provides a comprehensive synthesis of existing literature rather than novel research, which is fitting for its format. Recommendations for Improvement: A more detailed discussion on the limitations of the ALBI score and potential areas for future research would enhance the manuscript's depth. Conclusion: The manuscript is informative and well-structured, providing valuable insights into the ALBI score's utility in non-malignant liver diseases. However, some sections could be more concise, and further discussion on limitations and future research directions would be beneficial. Recommendation: Accept with Minor Corrections. The manuscript is of high quality but would benefit from minor revisions for clarity and depth.