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Brief summary This is a well-written review started from the definition of acute-on-chronic liver failure (ACLF). They point out different definitions and disease entities between European/American and Asia. Most of the ACLF was induced by HBV in Asia while alcoholic liver cirrhosis was the most important cause in Euro and America. Both of them probably share similar pathway started with predisposing factor, insult, host immune response and terminated with multiple organ failure. The physiopathology and prognostic aspects were also discussed.

Comments This review did not mention how to treat ACLF patients. Early treatment with nucleos(t)ide analogues could be life saving in HBV-related ACLF. It will be better to include a section to discuss this issue.