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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript by Suk KT et al. reviewed current treatments against alcoholic liver disease (ALD). Those approaches include abstinence, nutritional therapy, pharmacological therapy, psychotherapy, and surgery. The authors concluded that abstinence is the most effective method to treat ALD so far based on the analysis of clinical data. Some minor points need the authors to be considered for the improvement of the quality of the manuscript as follows: 1. The authors should explain more why abstinence is the most effective method to treat ALD. 2. The authors are suggested to add a table in respect to the comparison of the advantage and disadvantage of each treatment. 3. As for potential treatments approaches, such as stem cell therapy and new targets therapy, the authors should add more information, in particular of the updated advancement of translational medicine. 4. As a review article, the authors should point out the perspective in the field. Please add such information.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The Ms by Sul et al addresses an interesting and socially relevant topic such as the treatment of ALD. To this end the authors reviewed the available data on the efficacy of different therapeutic schemes proposed, and add to the review a brief sociodemographic description of the phenomenon. Although the importance of the theme, the way data are presented and discussed is less that optimal, and the Ms suffers severe intrinsic weaknesses the authors have to address before being further considered. Major Critiques

1. The portion dealing with abstinence is too long and repetitive. Abstinence is obviously the gold standard for treatment and prevention and this needs to be stated more clearly. The role of the possible benefit of drugs facilitating abstinence should be reduced by at least 60%.
2. The paragraph on nutritional therapy is superficial and needs to be expanded and better discussed. One good example is the inclusion of the use of polysaturated lecithin in the miscellaneous agents: this belongs to nutrition. In general, the beneficial or detrimental role of food consumption (either qualitative or quantitative) has to be addressed more extensively and critically.
3. The section of treatment is a long list of different compounds without the critical assessment a review article needs to include. From a review the reader expects to quickly grasp what to do and why to use one instead of another drug(s). This aspect is largely missing and needs to be included. A Table summarizing the pros and cons will greatly help.
4. What is missing is the perspective for future research and the need for conclusive results. The paras of new target is superficial and has to be expanded to guide researchers to fill the several still unsettled points.
5. It would help reading and presentation to have one figure on the background of ALD and one the geographical distribution of this disease.



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This a nice and very updated review on the treatment of ALD. Some minor grammatical changes must be done.



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This is a well structured and comprehensive review dealing with an important public health issue in most countries as alcohol abuse complications is. In addition, alcoholic liver disease has been somehow neglected in the last two decades as a priority research area in hepatology. There are some mistypes to correct; eg. Interleukin-8 for Interlukin-8, which instead of witch.