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1) I think instead of just reporting differences between patients with and without ACLF, the so-called predictors some kind of prediction model should be developed. This should include calculations of sensitivity and specificity at specific cut-off values from the variables. That would add new knowledge to the field and would be more useful in the clinic. However, such a prediction model require validation in larger populations. 2) How many of the 71 patients without ACLF had any of the proposed precipitating factors (i.e bacterial infection) at/during hospitalization? 3) It is confusing that all information from table 6 is written in the text.



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it's a well written paper, the topic is relevant, a main limit is the small number one of the most important papers - Hematology 2015; 62:243 - is not cited the main questions are did the authors calculate the CLIF C predictive Score how many patients were admitted to the ICU how many patients were treated with extracorporeal therapy how many patients were treated with mechanical ventilation Show many patients had an DNR order in the paper Hematology 2015; 62:243 MELD Score was 24 despite a mortality of 5.8% the authors should comment on the differences between the finding in this paper and their findings