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Language quality	[<input checked="" type="radio"/>] Grade A: Priority publishing [<input type="radio"/>] Grade B: Minor language polishing [<input type="radio"/>] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing [<input type="radio"/>] Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	[<input type="radio"/>] Accept (High priority) [<input type="radio"/>] Accept (General priority) [<input checked="" type="radio"/>] Minor revision [<input type="radio"/>] Major revision [<input type="radio"/>] Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I would like to thank the authors for this very informative, well written and concise manuscript. However, I would recommend adding a section about the concept of ALBI score as a linear predictive score and the utility of technique tailored specific scores which were later proposed upon ALBI score and their performance as prognostic tools. This issue has been raised in several articles, please see the attached links for the meant studies and scores. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhep.2018.08.027>
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The manuscript 'Neutrophil to lymphocyte ratio and albumin bilirubin grading system in Hepatocellular carcinoma' tried to validate NLR and ALBI as indicators of HCC survival. The topic might be of interest for clinical practice. However there are some suggestions for the authors: 1. In the section of "Neutrophil to lymphocyte ratio (NLR)" and "Albumin bilirubin grading system", the majority was devoted to the association between NLR and multiple diseases, but the association between NLR/ALBI and HCC were not elaborated. Please make the topic clear and the contents well organized. 2. In the section of "Discussion", please discuss the difference between results of your research and previous studies. 3. Stronger evidence may be needed for the conclusion of "ALBI grade performs better than CTP score".

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Thanks for providing this excellent revision. All comments were fulfilled.