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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Abbas M and Abbas Z investigated the role of cholinesterase levels as predictor of hepatic reserves in chronic hepatitis D patients. This retrospective study is generally well conducted and straightforward. The authors concluded that cholinesterase levels can be considered a biomarker of liver function in these patients. As per se, this conclusion may be important and likely can also be considered as an additional parameter for staging of liver disease chronic hepatitis D patients. I believe, however, that in its present form the manuscript could benefit if changed to a short communication format. Introduction is too concise and short. Some background on hepatitis D staging, treatment, and prognosis could perhaps be included. The number of figures and tables is too big for such a short manuscript. I would suggest to merge Tables 2 and 4 as well as Figures 1 and 2. Moreover, I would suggest to include the number of patients in the Methods section. Some reference to the ethical approval of this study is also recommended.