

Dear editor,

We would like to thank the reviewers for thoroughly reviewing our manuscript entitled 'Development of a novel score for diagnosis of bacterial infection in patients with acute-on-chronic liver failure' (Manuscript ID: 57052). We acknowledge the editors' and reviewer's comments and constructive suggestions very much. The language has been edited by MedE Editing Group as recommended by editors. We hope, with these modifications and improvements based on your suggestions and the reviewers' comments, the quality of our manuscript would meet the publication standard of *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely,

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Here are our point-by-point responses:

To Reviewer 1

"Nice, simple piece of work, but will need further validation"

Answer:

Thank you very much for your positive comments. We totally agree the further validation for a novel scoring systems is needed. However, ACLF is not a very common disease that we are not able to collect sufficient cases to validate this model. Further study is required to verify the conclusion of this study. We have added this limitation in the discussion section in the revised manuscript.

We have an English language proof-reading again this time by an editing company recommended by the journal. Hope this will improve the quality of the manuscript.