

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

We appreciate greatly for your helpful comments and suggestions for improving this manuscript (No 41997). We have addressed the comments and suggestions and modified the manuscript. We corrected the format, polished the language and added content of highlights also. The changes in the resubmitted manuscript text are in [blue](#).

Our response to the Reviewers is below:

Reviewer #02861208's Comments:

This is an interesting meta-analysis evaluating the predictive capabilities of different scoring systems in cirrhosis. Overall the readability is good, the structure and analysis of data is also clearly done and explained and the relevance of the study is high.

Reviewer #02567669's Comments:

This manuscript that involves highly sophisticated statistical methods is very interesting and very important. It compares several scoring systems used for estimating the prognosis of patients with liver cirrhosis. Finally, the MESO score proved to have the highest validity for prognosis. The future will show which of the scores will be used by clinicians, in particular in the context of organ allocation.

Reviewer #02954069's Comments:

The authors performed a meta-analysis in order to evaluate the scoring systems to for the prediction of mortality in decompensated liver cirrhosis. Although the study is limited by a small number of studies, the results are somehow are interesting and may attract the attention of readers. 1. What is the comment of authors on these findings and scoring systems in general? Do they cover all of the etiologies equally? I think that the authors should highlight the advantages and disadvantages of each scoring system. 2. What is the future research proposal?

**Response:** We are thankful for the reviewer's comments. Our study focused on decompensated cirrhosis patients and placed emphasis on clinical applications. And the meta-analysis selected included articles whatever etiologies were. Thus, we summarized the advantages and disadvantages of those scoring systems and commented on it in section DISCUSSION. We also improved future research proposal in section CONCLUSION.

We would like to express our great appreciation to you and the reviewers again for the efforts you spent on our manuscript. We hope that all these revisions fulfill the requirements to make the manuscript acceptable for publication.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely