

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 20038-Review.doc).

Title: Defining acute-on-chronic liver failure: East, west or middle ground?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer 1

We thank the reviewer for the valuable comments.

Reviewer 2

We thank the reviewer for the valuable comments. The following correction has been made in the manuscript.

The statement 'Acute viral hepatitis A or E as the acute insult also differed between the two the two studies (33.3% and 7% respectively)' has been corrected to 'Similarly the etiology of acute insult was also different, acute viral hepatitis A or E being seen in 33.3% patients in the former, while acute hepatitis E noted in 7% in the latter study'.

Editor

We thank you for your valuable comments. Relevant corrections have been made in the manuscript as per requirements. For example -

1. The font and writing style for headings have been changed.
2. Square brackets around the reference numbers have been superscripted.
3. 'With' has been added in the second sentence under the heading 'Differences in the APASL and EASL-CLIF diagnostic criteria'.
4. 'However' has been deleted from one place and shifted to another in the third sentence under the heading 'Differences in the APASL and EASL-CLIF diagnostic criteria'.
5. 'the' has been deleted from the last line under the heading 'Differences in the APASL and EASL-CLIF diagnostic criteria'.
6. 'per se' has been deleted from 'Events outside the liver per se, whether related to the underlying liver

disease per se (e. g. SBP and variceal bleeding), or not (e. g. pneumonia or urinary infections), do not qualify as acute insults leading to ACLF as per the APASL definition unless the liver is secondarily affected so as to cause jaundice, coagulopathy and ascites or hepatic encephalopathy' to 'Events outside the liver, whether related to the underlying liver disease per se (e. g. SBP and variceal bleeding), or not (e. g. pneumonia or urinary infections), do not qualify as acute insults leading to ACLF as per the APASL definition unless the liver is secondarily affected so as to cause jaundice, coagulopathy and ascites or hepatic encephalopathy' under the heading 'Acute insult'.

7. 'pts' has been changed to 'patients' in the third last line under the heading 'Does prior decompensation matter?'

8. 'failures' has been changed to 'failure' under the heading 'Do the two definitions identify the same patients?'

9. 'with previous decompensation' has been added to 'Thus, this definition includes patients with chronic hepatitis, compensated cirrhosis as well as cirrhosis' under the heading 'New heading - The World Gastroenterology Consensus'.

10. Position of ',' has been changed in the first sentence under the heading 'Conclusions'.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hepatology*

Sincerely yours,

Dr. C Ganesh Pai