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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a comprehensive and well-written review on nutritional assessment in patients with cirrhosis and hepatic encephalopathy (HE). A few minor issues: - I am not sure how HE-directed the presented work is, so maybe the title could be made more general. As the authors repeatedly state, in several instances the info is on nutrition-cirrhosis rather than nutrition-HE. - I would not say HE is lethal (page 1) - patients tend to die “in” rather than “of” hepatic coma. - There is some degree of confusion (pages 6-7) between HE and other sources of metabolic encephalopathy or structural brain damage in cirrhosis. Hyponatremia, sepsis and malnutrition can cause encephalopathy (not HE) in subjects who are not cirrhotic, and encephalopathies of different aetiology should not be confused, even if they are present at the same time. Similarly, prolonged alcohol misuse may favour the manifestations (by way of brain damage) but not cause HE.



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Dear Fernando Gomes Romeiro, Your manuscript is a rather detail overview on very important topic "nutritional assessment in cirrhotic patients with hepatic encephalopathy". You describe pathophysiological mechanisms of HE, but nutritional assessment methods descriptions poorly correlate with them. From my point of view it will be better to offer a practical algorithm for choosing mentioned methods depend on patient precise status. Nevertheless, your manuscript could be published in WJG. Best regards