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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)		<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting paper addressed to Neurologists, thus I believe that it is best suited for the World Journal of Neurology. In the introduction the Authors claim that Medline, accessed by PubMed, and Embase electronic database were searched but there is any mention of this search throughout the manuscript. In page 4 it is stated that, since the first description, 90 cases have been reported in the literature. This statement is supported by 17 references to other authors papers, I suppose on the same topic, and not by all the articles retrieved with the Embase and PubMed search. It should be explained why this search was performed in the first place.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Nardone et al. present a very nice review of a rare complication of liver disease. The content is excellent. A significant amount of grammatical editing is required. I recommend inclusion of 1 tables and 1 figure. 1) Differential diagnosis 2) Recommended diagnostic evaluation



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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this review the authors analyze the pathogenesis, clinical presentation and therapy of hepatic myelopathy in chronic liver disease. However, in the section of Pathophysiology the authors should add some more information, if possible, regarding the distinction of this entity from hepatic encephalopathy. Since there are more than 90 cases with hepatic myelopathy in the literature, but only 8 of them did not have previous overt hepatic encephalopathy (Ref. 28, Koo et al from Korea), one could claim that the two entities could be part of the same syndrome. On the other hand the fact the high blood ammonia levels, especially after a portosystemic shunt, are implicated for the pathogenesis of both entities, whereas reduction of ammonia levels does not help in the treatment of myelopathy is another paradoxical clinical observation. Moreover, liver transplantation has little to offer for advanced hepatic myelopathy. Could experimental studies in animals help for the distinction of the two clinical entities?



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors wrote a good review about HM. I recommend the inclusion of a figure or table with diagnostic criteria. I suggest a minor correction of typing.