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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors, many thanks for providing this interesting study. Alcoholic hepatitis is still a clinical challenge, despite improved nutrition management. The study carries important information also regarding the aetiology of infectious complications, which would provide help on proper antibacterial choice. The predictive value of urea is also very important in this setting. I would like to suggest only a small clarification regarding underline condition of the included patients. It would be interesting to know how many of them are cirrhotic and if there is any difference in infections and mortality between cirrhotic and non-cirrhotic patients (if any). Should there is not it would be good to comment.



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The authors have produced an excellent study that addresses the safety of steroid administration in cases of severe alcoholic hepatitis. The study is a prospective real life series of patients with acute alcoholic hepatitis in Bristol NHS Trust in the UK. The definitions used for the diagnosis and the diagnostic tests are robust The statistical techniques seem appropriate. The paper is well written. 44 out of 116 patients were excluded due to inclusion in another trial. This raises a slight concern regarding inclusion bias.I do not know if it would be possible to examine the data including the patients who received steroids in the STOPAH trial. It seems that the patients were similar to those included in the STOPAH trial.