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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting study in which the authors describe a modified MELD score, namely MELD lactate, in order to assess short term prognosis in acute on chronic liver failure in hepatitis B. The only problem is that the authors should discuss that there is the need of a prospective series to test the validity of the new score; they also should comment how many infections were present, since infections may be associated with increased lactate, and perhaps also perform Kaplan- Meyer survival analysis: it is not the same to die after 3-5 days than at the third month. English needs some revision



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper is well written and well presented. The paper is suited well for publication in WJG without any revision.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the present study the authors compared several parameters in patients with HBV-related acute-on-chronic liver failure (ACLF) to improve the accuracy of prognosis. They enrolled 236 patients with HBV-ACLF and stratified them in a survival group and non-survival group. Among all parameters they observed that lactate levels correlated positively to MELD scores. The authors concluded that the combination of LAC and MELD scores very likely is able to increase prediction accuracy for ACLF prognosis. The manuscript has been well written and data well presented. My only concern is that no viral parameters have been evaluated and compared in the two groups of patients