

## ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I have found the paper addresses a crucial point in clinical practice, the study is well conducted and the numbers allow a sound analysis.

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This is a prospective cohort study of a group of cirrhotic population with an intend to investigate the role of frailty as a risk factor for hospitalisation. The study is interesting because authors found that frailty is an independent factor (independent from MELD most importantly) for hospitalisation. Future results of this prospective may show that frailty might be a contributing factor for listing of transplantation priority. 1-The rationale and use of statistical tests should be explained briefly to non-expert reader. The reader should understand the importance and reason of choice of statistical tests because frailty is found to be an independent risk factor not related MELD and low albumin wh?xh are reliable surrogate markers of cirrhosis severity. 2- The tables can be supported with extra figures 3-One of the hypothesis of the authors is possibility of frailty being an early phenotype of generalized sarcopenia. I believe this is an important hypothesis and this should be discussed more in the discussion section.