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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors evaluated the effectiveness of TIPSS in patients with RHH by pooling all available evidence in a systematic review with cumulative meta-analysis. This review paper is well written and scientifically solid. I would recommend the acceptance for publication.



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This review article summarized the Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Stent Shunt (TIPSS) for refractory hepatic hydrothorax. The contents are interesting, however, there are some issues to add as followings. Comments; 1. The content should be more precisely structured. The discussion is somewhat insufficient to understand the TIPSS. The primary success rates with later maintaining success rates, and the precise explanation for the technical tips or complication with the method should be added. Although the authors explained that the incidence of hepatic encephalopathy relies on the subjective diagnosis of hepatic encephalopathy, there must be some another factors in the patient background. More precise discussion should be added also for hepatic encephalopathy as a complication. 2. In Results section, predictors of mortality was mentioned, however, the mortality after intervention on cirrhosis patients such as TIPSS relies on early procedure related mortality and post-TIPSS liver failure related mortality. The authors should add more information on mortality. Minor comments 1.Introduction Line 11: “ascetic” should be “ascitic”.



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The manuscript is very well written. In my opinion, it should be publish unaltered.