

## ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors should discuss this following topic: The investigation of patients with cirrhosis by the West Haven test is not sufficient to identify subclinical forms of encephalopathy. The Trail Making Test (a simple, inexpensive test) in a recent series evidenced poor psychometric performance in more than half of the patients who were free of manifest encephalopathy. Subclinical hepatic encephalopathy was present mostly in patients with HCV-related cirrhosis. Detecting minimal hepatic encephalopathy in patients with cirrhosis may help improve their quality of life. J Gastroenterol. 2007 Jan;42(1):79-82. Mental status impairment in patients with West Haven grade zero hepatic encephalopathy: the role of HCV infection. Legends of tables should be clearer and address only the content.