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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors should refer and consequently quote the pertinent articles, to a modern C-P classification to characterize the severity of the liver cirrhosis. What are the implications of the spontaneous spleno-renal shunts in liver cirrhosis? BMC Gastroenterol. 2009 Nov 24;9:89. Blood ammonia levels in liver cirrhosis: a clue for the presence of portosystemic collateral veins. BMC Gastroenterol. 2009 Mar 17;9:21.



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The observational study of Wani et al. seems to be the first which demonstrates that a sequential treatment (carvedilol + simvastatin) strategy is an excellent policy in the pharmacological management of portal hypertension. The study is well designed and well presented. Minor comment: the article about the prognostic role of spontaneous spleno-renal shunts must be referred (Tarantino G, Citro V, 2009). Also the clinical use of ammonium level must be discussed (Tarantino G, Citro V, Esposito P, 2009). Minor language polishing is required. After minor changes, I suggest to accept the manuscript for publication.



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Dear colleagues, Your manuscript is touches upon very actual field of Hepatology. No doubt, it should be accepted after minor revision. My remarks are following: ? Manuscript contains many mechanical mistakes (noted with red in checking version), f.e. different (3-4) letters in abbreviations (WHP/WHPG), abbreviations should be open under table 3. ? Child-Pugh class ought to be mentioned in upper letters, with respects to author(s). ? Please clarify acute response and chronic response on carvedilol (page 5, noted with red). ? On page 5 second paragraph contain not clear and incorrect explanation, please revise it. ? There is a mistake and discordance on page 11 in calculation of non-responders with previous data and figure 2 (instead 38 non-responders you mentioned 62 with subsequent discordance 42%). Thank you for understanding. Sincerely