Dear editors and reviewers

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Acute cholangitis progresses rapidly and can develop into sepsis or septic shock. Diagnostic criteria and severity grading for acute cholangitis, appropriate use of biliary drainage and antibiotics has observably reduced the mortality rate for acute cholangitis. Acute cholangitis is characterized by bacterial infection; however, the effectiveness of presepsin as an infectious biomarker to grade the early severity of acute cholangitis is unclear. This study is a single-center observational study. In this study, levels of presepsin against traditional biomarkers in patients with acute cholangitis were compared, and the role of presepsin in the early risk stratification of acute cholangitis was evaluated. The study is overall interesting, and the results are well displayed, and discussed. The reviewer suggests to accept this study after a minor language editing.

Answer: I am very grateful to reviewers for their comments. The article has been language checked again by editage.

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