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Dear Editors and Reviewers,

Thank you and the reviewers for a thorough review of our manuscript entitled **“Considerations of Elderly Factors to Manage the Complication of Liver Cirrhosis in Elderly Patients” (No 46824)** by myself for publication as a mini review in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. **The provided ID for this invited review is (00188507).**

The positive comments and suggestions from the reviewers are greatly appreciated. In preparing for revision, we have carefully studied reviewers' comments and incorporated many of their suggestions into the revised manuscript. For your convenience, we have highlighted the changes made in blue. We hope this revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

We declare that this work is original, the manuscript is not under consideration by other journals, and the material has not been previously published. All authors approved the contents submitted. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely yours,

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Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful comments and suggestions. In preparing the revision, we have carefully studied your comments and incorporated many of your suggestions into the revised manuscript. The following are our point-by-point responses to your comments/concerns. For your convenience, we have highlighted the changes made in blue.

### **Editor**

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**Response:** We appreciate for a thorough review of our manuscript. We have prepared all files and modified the draft according to the suggestions. Thank you again for your time and effort on our paper.

### **Reviewer #1**

*-Add the unique of this study compared to other studies discuss the same issue. -English language correction through the manuscript -Update of references as most of references are old.*

**Response:** We appreciate for a thorough review of our manuscript. We have added the unique point of this mini-review (page 4, line 9 from the top; page 7, line 9 from the top; page 19, line 3 from the top) and we have corrected the typos, grammatical errors, and attached the certificate of English language editing. In addition, we have updated the references (ref.11, 14, 16, 32).

### **Reviewer #2**

*Despite the relevance of the problem, in modern literature insufficient attention to the feature of management of elderly patients who have a complications of liver cirrhosis. The authors tried to fill this gap. However, I have a number of remarks. I strongly recommend that the authors to revise the sections of Ascites/edema and Gastrointestinal Bleeding/Varices. They should be written in accordance with the current Clinical Practice Guidelines. In particular, I am very surprised by the recommendations on the use of tolvaptan in the treatment of ascites and injection sclerotherapy in the management of esophageal varices. As well I suggest to describe also other complications mentioned by the authors. I have no doubt that they are important in elderly cirrhotic patients.*

**Response:** We appreciate for a thorough review of our manuscript and are grateful for the positive comment. We have added and significantly modified the description according to the clinical practice guideline, especially for the sections of Ascites/edema and Gastrointestinal Bleeding/Varices according to the reviewer's suggestions (page 7 line 1 from the bottom; page 8, line 14 from the bottom; page 9, line 13 from the top; page 10, line 1 from the bottom; page 11, line 12 from the top; page 12, line 7 from the top). In addition, we have added the description for the section of other complications (page 15, line 6 from the bottom, page 16, line 2 from the top).

### **Reviewer #3**

*This is a well-written, readable and accurate manuscript, that clearly summarizes the involvement of age in liver disease.*

**Response:** We appreciate for a thorough review of our manuscript and are grateful for the positive comment.