

Dear Editor,

We have recently submitted an invited manuscript (ID 76722 – “Albumin administration in patients with cirrhosis – current role and novel perspectives”) in order to be appreciated for publication in your prestigious journal. Now, we would like to resubmit it after answering to the reviewers’ comments (see below).

We would like to thank the reviewers for their evaluation of our work. We hope that, after considering our answers and changes in the manuscript, you will find it suitable for publication in its present form.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Angelo Z. Mattos

Response to reviewers’ comments:

Dear Reviewer 1,

Thank you very much for your comments on our paper. Your suggestions were highly relevant and certainly allowed us to greatly improve our manuscript.

The following are the responses to your comments:

Comment 1 – Thank you very much for your comment. We have added a section on “Economic aspects” (page 21, lines 8-20).

Comment 2 – Thank you for your comment. We have added a section on “Adverse events” (page 20, last line, and page 21, lines 1-6).

Comment 3 – Thank you for your comment. We have added a subsection on “Acute-on-chronic liver failure” (page 19, lines 26-29, and page 20, lines 1-14).

Comment 4 – Thank you for your comment. We have added a subsection on “Cirrhotic cardiomyopathy” (page 19, lines 19-25).

Comment 5 – Thank you for your comment. We have added a paragraph on issues related to functionally active albumin (page 20, lines 7-14), further exploring the concepts of effective albumin concentration and the hypothesis of the albumin gap, which had already been mentioned in the paper (page 12 – second paragraph, page 14 – first paragraph, page 16 – first paragraph).

Comment 6 – Thank you for your comment. We have added a section on “Prediction of response to albumin administration” (page 20, lines 16-26).

Once more, we would like to deeply thank you for reviewing our paper. We hope that you will now consider our manuscript suitable for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Dear Reviewer 2,

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript. Your remark on the economic aspects of albumin administration was also brought up by Reviewer 1, which highlights the importance of this issue. In the present version of the article, we added a section on “Economic aspects” (page 21, lines 8-20) and we are confident that this was a substantial contribution to the quality of the paper. We hope that you will consider our manuscript suitable for publication in its present form.

Sincerely yours,

Angelo Z. Mattos