

Response to Reviewers:

Reviewer 1 –

More discussion was added of emerging topics including issues specifically mentioned including doppler ultrasound, biomarkers, and TIPS. More detailed discussion of specific studies was added throughout the paper, including a more detailed discussion of the CONFIRM trial in historical context and implications of the findings. The manuscript was edited extensively to address the syntax and grammatical issues raised. References were revised. A diagram of the pathophysiology of HRS was added.

Reviewer 2 –

More extensive discussion of controversies was added including detailed discussion of CONFIRM trial, its impact on approval in the united states, and implications for practice. A timeline of this process was also outlined and references to years of publication of specific studies increased. Discussion of relevant topics was expanded. The Abstract was revised and conclusion was re-written. The manuscript was extensively edited, including by external an editor.