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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 20749-Revised manuscript). According to the character limit (no more than 12 words), we changed the title in the revised version.

Title: Development of risky varices in alcoholic cirrhosis with a well-maintained nutritional status

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

(1) Response to Reviewer 69855's comments

1. Recommended to editors for publishing.

We are grateful to your recommendation, thank you.

(2) Response to Reviewer 2861134's comments.

1. The topic of this paper is time based. It focuses on more realistic field of knowledge. The paper is well organized. There is a good consistency throughout the whole paper. The paper can be published in its present form.

We are grateful to your positive comments, thank you.

(3) Response to Reviewer 2861042's comments.

This is quite an interesting topic. However, the number of patients is quite small as stated in the discussion. I have a few general comments.

We are grateful to the reviewer for the useful comments and suggestions, which have helped us to improve our paper.

1. Role of the analyzed parameters like pre-albumin and RBP should be explained in more detail. Not every might be familiar with importance of these proteins.

Thank you for your helpful comments. We added sentences that explained the characteristics and clinical meanings of measuring these rapid-turnover proteins (Pages 9-10, underlined sentences). In relation to the response, we cited three additional references (Nos. 18-20).

2. TSF is numerically higher in HCV patients. This should be commented.

Thank you for your helpful comments. We added sentences stating that measurement errors can occur in the physical examinations (Page 11).

3. English language/ wording needs to be improved at some parts

According to the reviewer's comment, we have made use of a copyediting service provided by an English language editing company, and our manuscript was checked by two native English speakers. We have sent a certified letter from the company with the revised manuscript.

4. In the discussion and the abstract authors should be more careful with their conclusions given the small number of patients investigated.

Thank you for your important comment. We amended the sentences and mentioned the limitation due to the small number of studied patients.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hepatology*.

Sincerely yours,

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