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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: "Foie et Grossesse : Expérience d'Service d'Hépatogastroentérologie du CHU de Tanger (Maroc) à propos de 200 cas"

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is
- ✓ **Accept after minor revision.....**
- Accept after major revision
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance		✓		

Reviewer Name: Dr S. K. Nath

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strengths of the Study

- The study addresses an important and relevant topic on hepatic disorders during pregnancy, a field with limited regional data, particularly from North Africa.
- It includes a sizable cohort of 200 cases, making it one of the larger series reported in the Moroccan context.
- The study highlights the epidemiological, etiological, clinical, paraclinical, and therapeutic aspects, providing a comprehensive overview.
- The multidisciplinary approach and emphasis on collaboration among specialties are well-justified and contribute to improved management strategies.
- The detailed description of clinical presentation and outcomes provides valuable insights into local patterns and challenges.

Weaknesses of the Study

- The retrospective design limits the ability to establish causal relationships and may be susceptible to incomplete or biased data.
- Lack of detailed statistical analysis beyond descriptive statistics hampers the evaluation of significance and correlations.
- Ethical considerations such as approval by an ethics committee or informed consent procedures are not explicitly mentioned.
- No mention of validation of data collection methods or inter-observer reliability.
- Presentation of data can be confusing at times due to inconsistent formatting, especially in tables and figures.
- Limited discussion on limitations, potential biases, or confounding factors.
- Absence of comparative data or control groups diminishes interpretability.
- The references are somewhat outdated, and the referencing style is inconsistent; recent or more precise guidelines could enhance clarity.

Reviewer Comments

- **Title and Abstract:** The title accurately reflects the study focus. The abstract is generally clear but could benefit from a more structured format, explicitly stating the study design, key findings, and conclusions for quick comprehension. Clarification is needed on the specific contribution of this study relative to existing literature.

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- **Introduction and Objectives:** The introduction contextualizes the issue well, but the objectives are somewhat implicit. Explicitly stating the primary and secondary aims at the end of the introduction would improve clarity.
- **Methodology and Statistical Analysis:** The methodology describes a retrospective, descriptive approach, but lacks details on inclusion/exclusion criteria, data validation, and ethical approvals. The analysis uses basic descriptive statistics; incorporating inferential statistics or correlation analyses could strengthen insights. Clarifying the methods for diagnosing specific hepatic pathologies would be valuable.
- **Results and Discussion:** Results are presented comprehensively but could be better organized for clarity, with clearer differentiation of data types. The discussion appropriately relates findings to existing literature but should acknowledge limitations such as selection bias and retrospective nature. Further explanation on the rarity of certain diagnoses and regional factors would enrich the discussion.
- **Conclusion and Implications:** The conclusion appropriately emphasizes the importance of early diagnosis and multidisciplinary management. It advocates for further prospective multicenter studies, which is suitable given current limitations.
- **Ethical Clearance:** There is no explicit mention of ethical approval, institutional review board (IRB) approval, or informed consent processes. Clarification is needed to confirm compliance with ethical standards.
- **Language and Formatting:** The manuscript contains several grammatical and stylistic errors, as well as inconsistencies in formatting, especially in tables. Improving language clarity and standardizing formatting would enhance readability.
- **Tables, Figures, References:** Tables are informative but sometimes poorly formatted or incomplete. Figures are minimal; adding more visual data could clarify points. References are numerous but often outdated; updating with recent guidelines and studies is recommended.