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## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Study of Serum Albumin Levels in Hepatic Encephalopathy Patients Admitted in a Tertiary Care Hospital

### 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

#### Strength of the study:

- The study addresses an important clinical problem in patients with chronic liver disease
- A prospective observational design strengthens the reliability of the findings
- Well-defined inclusion and exclusion criteria improve study quality
- Appropriate statistical analysis has been performed
- Results are presented clearly with useful tables
- Ethical clearance has been obtained
- The conclusions are supported by the presented findings

#### Weakness of the study:

- The sample size is relatively small and from a single center
- Purposive sampling may introduce selection bias
- Long-term patient follow up was not included
- Potential confounding factors were not fully adjusted
- Discussion could compare findings with more recent studies
- Minor grammatical and formatting errors require correction
- The limitations section should be discussed in greater detail

#### Reviewers Comments:

The manuscript presents a clinically relevant prospective study evaluating the association between serum albumin levels and the severity of hepatic encephalopathy. The objectives are clear, and the methodology is appropriate for the research question. Ethical clearance has been obtained and is properly mentioned, which strengthens the credibility of the study. The statistical analysis is suitable, and the results are presented in a clear and understandable manner. The discussion relates the findings with previous literature, although a broader comparison with recent studies would improve the manuscript. The study is limited by its single-center design, purposive sampling, relatively small sample size, and lack of long-term follow up, which should be acknowledged more clearly. A few grammatical, formatting, and language issues also require correction to improve readability. Overall, the manuscript provides useful clinical information and contributes to understanding the prognostic value of serum albumin in hepatic encephalopathy. It is suitable for publication after minor revision.

#### Previously Published anywhere/Plagiarism check:

The manuscript appears to be an original research study, and no obvious evidence of previous publication was identified during the review. There are no apparent signs of plagiarism based on the submitted version. However, a routine plagiarism and similarity check using standard software is recommended before final acceptance to ensure originality and compliance with publication ethics.