Reviewer's report

Title: High mortality of pneumonia in cirrhotic patients with ascites

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Comments:
The manuscript "High mortality of pneumonia in cirrhotic patients with ascites" details the effect of variable infectious diseases on the mortalities of cirrhotic patients with ascites. The authors demonstrate that infectious diseases indeed increased 30-day and 90-day mortalities of cirrhotic 1,294 patients with ascites. Among variable infectious diseases, pneumonia was most related to mortalities. It is an interesting and important study examining the impact of pneumonia or SBP in cirrhotic patients with ascites. Why is the pneumonia related to mortality of cirrhotic patients with ascites? Please describe the authors' speculation in the Discussion section.