Reviewer’s report

Title: Non-Selective Beta Blocker Use is associated with Improved Short-term Survival in Patients with Cirrhosis Referred for Liver Transplantation

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Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable

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Yes - current version is technically sound

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: The present paper is a single centre observational study on the use of NSBB in patients with end stage liver disease undergoing transplant assessment. The paper has been previously reviewed and present manuscript incorporates the previous set of reviewer's comments.

From my perspective the manuscript is well written and does well to summarize the data surrounding the patient cohort they have analysed.

All previous reviewers' comments have been addressed.

In the discussion they clearly highlight all the limitations of their data.
ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:
One of their conclusions is that the tolerance of NSBB is a surrogate marker of hemodynamic reserve. If they have any objective data from time of transplant assessment e.g CPET, it would be of interest to see if there is any difference between the 2 groups of NSBB v non NSBB.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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