Author’s response to reviews

Title: Advances and challenges in cirrhosis and portal hypertension

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Reviewer #1: This is a comprehensive and very interesting opinion article exploring advances and challenges in the field of cirrhosis and portal hypertension. It clearly presents the state of the art and the most promising interventions to further improve the diagnostic process and treatment strategies. The manuscript is very well written. In my opinion no changes or corrections of the manuscript are necessary.

Response: I would like to thank the reviewer for his kind words.

Reviewer #2:

This is a relevant and well-written comprehensive review and this reviewer has only a few suggestions for improving the paper.

Response: I would like to thank the reviewer for his kind words and appreciate his suggestions to further improve the paper.

1. Figure 1 briefly highlights the aspects of treatment of patients with compensated and decompensated cirrhosis in relation to the stage of the disease. However, it would be helpful if the author added aspects of level or evidence and to each aspect mention in the figure quoted the relevant reference/references.
Response: I added the relevant references to the figure as suggested. The level of evidence is provided in the guidelines/recommendations that are cited in the text, and I did not get into detail on this point since in my view it is beyond the scope of this opinion article.

2. Figure 2 is relatively simple and it would be informative, if the author elaborated a Figure with identification of pertinent targets of treatment and the relevant treatments in relation to the pathophysiology and the stage of the disease.

Response: I modified the figure as suggested by the reviewer, focusing on the targets of therapy for portal hypertension in compensated patients.