Reviewer’s report

Title: Keratin 8 variants and prognosis of patients with alcoholic cirrhosis

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Review for BMC Gastroenterology
Manuscript entitled: "Keratin 8 variants and prognosis of patients with alcoholic cirrhosis"

Dear colleague,

it was interesting to review the article entitled "Keratin 8 variants and prognosis of patients with alcoholic cirrhosis" by Valentyn Usachov et al. There the authors aimed at analyzing the prognostic impact of K8 variants. They basically found negative results. As the work was conducted in an accurate and logical manner these data are important, and are another puzzle stone for the understanding of intermediate filament biology, liver integrity and hepatic physiology.

Overall the study was thoroughly designed and conducted. The questions raised by the authors are relevant and therefore this nice piece of work is appropriate for publication in BMC Gastroenterology. Only maybe the title could be a bit more informative providing information about the results.

Level of interest: An exceptional article

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.