Reviewer's report

Title: Grey scale enhancement by a new self-made contrast agent in early cirrhotic stage of rabbit liver

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Reviewer: Adrian Lim

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The numbers are small and statistical review by a statistician to ensure that the appropriate statistical analysis has been performed is suggested. I note that there are 5 groups (F0 to F4) and only 12 rabbits used. Please provide the number of subjects in each category in table 1.

The data would be enhanced if table 1 could be presented graphically (also you only need to include the statistics which are significant). The discussion although improved needs to include some of the more recent papers which investigate hepatic transit times in liver fibrosis within humans. More information on the make and content of the microbubble would also enhance the introduction and discussion. A limitations section should also be included.

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

No