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: John H Kalbfleisch

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The big issue I have is with the statistical analysis. The authors are still vague about their analysis details. Publication of the manuscript would be acceptable if the authors address these aspects.

1) mention the specific kind of analysis of variance that was used,

2) indicate why that choice is appropriate for the design of their study in which 12 animals were measured at different study conditions, and

3) give stage summary statistics for the comparisons indicated in the current Table 3 (as the combination of Table 1 and Table 2 go together).

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests
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