Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical Research on Liver Reserve Function by 13C-Phenylalanine Breath Test in Aged Patients with Chronic Liver Diseases

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Discretionary revisions

(Page 7, line 5) You should correct a font of "control".

(method) I'm afraid that readers will misinterpret all the cirrhosis as the cirrhosis due to Hepatitis B Virus. Therefore, the authors should mention the cause of the liver cirrhosis in the method.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.