Reviewer’s report

Title: Pitavastatin suppresses diethylnitrosamine-induced liver preneoplasms in male C57BL/KsJ-db/db obese mice

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The manuscript has not been revised as per the comments. According to authors, significantly; now there is no decrease in FAT per say (FFA, Cholesterol and TG) after Pitavastatin treatment. Now these findings are in contradiction to what Egawa et al. 2003 Lipids, have shown. The present study needed to be discussed in light of the published report mentioned above.

Statistically again it seems there is an insignificant increase of the message for BAD (fig 2B). Overall study lacks novelty and overall theme of the subject that Pitavastatin inhibits DEN induced hepatocarcinogenesis in db/db mice (where fat deposition and obesity is the hallmark).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests