Reviewer’s report

**Title:** The effect of ursodeoxycholic acid in Liver functional restoration of patients with obstructive jaundice after endoscopic or surgical treatment: A prospective, randomized, and controlled study

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Ursodeoxycholic acid is a very helpful medication to improve liver function as it helps to restore bile flow after obstruction to the bile duct system. It is also very often used after Liver Transplantation to avoid biliary obstructive problems due to sludge and bile stones. There is not much data within the literature to demonstrate this clinically known effect. It is therefore very helpful to design such a study protocol to test the effect of Ursodeoxycholic acid administration after intervention in bile duct obstruction within a randomised trial. UDCA has no known side effects and is not harmful, so the results of such a study could demonstrate the potential benefits of this medication.

**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 have no competing interests