Reviewer's report

Title: Protection of Early Phase Hepatic Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury by Cholinergic Agonists

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General
A well written and interesting study. The results support the conclusions. The potential significance of the findings is high.

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

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

In the reference list the misspelled author names should be corrected.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Figure 6 would be improved by including additional doses of dmpp.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I hold patents related to the content of the manuscript, and am consultant to Critical Therapeutics Inc, which has licensing rights to this technology from my Institution, and provides some support for work in my laboratory.