Reviewer's report

Title: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of the Use of Oral Zinc in the Treatment of Hepatic Encephalopathy

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Reviewer: Eamonn Quigley

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Major Compulsory revisions
None

Minor essential revisions.
1. Please comment on the dose equivalency/comparability of the different products used.
2. On page 10, lines 231-239, please clarify the biology of zinc in relation to brain function. The data presented here seems contradictory with zinc being both deleterious and beneficial. I think I can understand what you are getting at but it will be far from clear to most readers.
3. Table 1. What are the asterisks referring to?
4. Table 1. Are these baseline zinc levels? These should be commented on in the text.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests