Reviewer's report

Title: Low fat intake is associated with pathological manifestations and poor recovery in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma

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This study looked at the nutritional changes in patients with HCC undergoing different therapies. The authors found that low fat intake is associated with poor recovery. Generally, the paper was clearly written. I have only a few comments.

1. Only 23 HCC patients were studied. Since HCC is a clinically heterogeneous disease entity, the relatively small sample size greatly limits the power of statistical analysis.

2. Case no 1 and 2 (Table 1) did not receive any treatment. On what basis did the authors measure the nutritional changes?

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.