Reviewer's report

Title: Urine neutrophil gelatinase-associated lipocalin: a diagnostic and prognostic marker for acute kidney injury (AKI) in hospitalized cirrhotic patients with AKI-prone conditions.

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In this article, the authors did prospective study to evaluate the accuracy of uNGAL as a biomarker for the early identification of AKU in cirrhotic patients. This is very important and interesting.

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Authors compared evaluation factors between AKI and No AKI in Table 1 and Table 2. But, authors should compare evaluation factors between uNGAL>56 ng/mL group and uNGAL<56 group ng/mL in another table. This table would be helpful to evaluate the uNGAL as a biomarker.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. Tables are very difficult to see. The format should be changed.
2. Authors are using uNGAL and UNGAL. Authors should standardize abbreviation.
3. Because some papers reported relation increase of uNGAL and malignancy, author should mention HCC and another malignancy.

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 declare that I have no competing interests.