Reviewer’s report

Title: Estimation of utility weights for major liver diseases according to disease severity in Korea

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I think this is an interesting study calculating utility weights for some major liver diseases health states.

The definition and calculation of utility weights is extremely important to plan adequate cost-effectiveness studies. However, the literature on this particular field is poor.

This study has some peculiarities well underlined and explained in the discussion: a) utility weights of 8 health states related to liver diseases, were estimated in the general population of Korea; b) Utility weights were estimated using direct methods such as VAS, time trade-off, or SG.

I think that the paper is well written, the aim is original, and the methodology adequate.

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