Reviewer's report

Title: Liver cirrhosis mortality in 187 countries between 1980 and 2010: a systematic analysis

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I am pleased with the major revisions that the authors have made in response to the initial reviews, which have improved the paper considerably.

There are two small points to pick up:

1. It is incorrect to say "all 187 countries on the globe". WHO has 194 member states, and there also are other definitions. What you can say is "for 187 countries, covering 99.x% of the global population".

2. In figure 2 it appears that the bars vary slightly in overall height, whereas as far I can understand they should all be exactly 1.0 high.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.