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Title: The incidence, risk factors, and clinical outcomes of rhabdomyolysis associated with fenoverine prescription: a retrospective study in South Korea (1999–2014)

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GENERAL COMMENTS: The authors have made 4 improvements: limitations of retrospective studies ((line 17-20, page 9). The use of severe hepatic derangement' (line 27-29, page 4) chronic hepatopathy (line 32, page 7). correlation is not causation (line 17-18, page 5, line 21–24, page 5). The file that was send to me did not contain a marked text to easily identify the changes.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:
No I think that this version is good to go. The message fenoverine may cause rhabdomyolysis in particular in liver cirrhosis patients is clear, and dissemination of this information is beneficial. As the authors acknowledge, retrospective studies have their drawbacks.
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