

Reviewer's report

Title: Anthropometric and clinical assessment of malnutrition in Malaysian patients with advanced cirrhosis

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- Major Compulsory Revisions

Definition of malnutrition is based only on MAMC – is this the most reliable way? or is your decision to choose this is as the parameter of choice due to its use in all patients? How about the SGA or the other tests? There is a need to qualify malnutrition based on these criteria also since the definition stated gives the inaccurate message that malnutrition is best determined primarily through MAMC when in fact your other parameters were also used, with a lot of references to the use of SGA. Suggest to explain why you chose MAMC, BUT not to exclude the other parameters in the definition of malnutrition

Discussion page 12: what do you mean by “significant” malnutrition?

Discussion page 14: line 2-3: what do you mean by this phrase “true non-effect of the SGA”?

Minor and Discretionary revisions: none

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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