

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Novel synthetic adhesive as an effective alternative to Fibrin based adhesives

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is well-written and the data shown in the manuscript was understandable. But several issues may be addressed. 1. Bleeding mass was higher at 21 days only in NaCl group. Why? 2. Bleeding time was not different at 21 days only in each group. Why? 3. ALT value was higher at 21 days only in MAR-1 group. Why? I think these differences were due to the variety of surgical interventions. If more number of mice were included, these differences will be absent. Authors should discuss these points to show the safety of MAR-1. 4. Authors mentioned that liver resection is the only curative treatment options for hepatocellular cancer. But loco-regional therapy such as radio frequency ablation is also curative treatment option for small hepatocellular cancer.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an experimental study that compares the efficacy and safety of a MAR1 substance as a surgical adhesive to other 3 groups of mice relative to other commercially available "haemostatic glue" (Beriplast) and NaCl. It is a well-written and well-documented study in very good and appropriate language. So, on my opinion the paper needs some minor necessary amendments: 1. Authors could comment and mention that the elevated levels of ALT observed with MAR 1 should be attributed rather to surgery itself or anesthesia than to the use of substance by the patient. 2. Could authors provide a possible explanation why there was an increase in hemorrhage with NaCl only on 21st day and not on day 14th and 90th?

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The Authors show data in favour of a novel, polyurethane based, surgical adhesive on a liver resection rat model. This is a well written study. Methods are adequate and results clearly presented. The authors conclude that compared to fibrin, MAR-1 showed similar hemostatic properties, no adverse effects, and is biocompatible. MAJOR point I am concerned that the authors might have underestimated the importance of ALT elevation, which is not adequately addressed. They simply state that "Although the ALT levels were significantly higher in the MAR-1 group, the values were well within the physiological range." In my opinion, this aspect should be thoroughly addressed, considering the composition of MAR-1 and discussing the liver toxicity potential of each component. The authors should also provide more details (wherever possible, because I understand confidentiality reasons) on the development of MAR-1.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. The authors reported MAR-1 showed similar hemostatic properties, no adverse effects on a liver resection model. The paper is of some scientific interest and clinical value. 2. The quality of work reported in the paper is average. (1) The quality of Figure 4 is not good. The authors should add the μ CT scans of MAR-1 rat on day 14, 21, and 90 post-operative days. (2) In Figure 5 and Legends, the survival rate between the three groups should be explained in more detail, and if possible, add some statistical parameters (P value, e.g.). How about the results of Mantel-Cox test?