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## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. Nice review. 2. Please change 'in this study' to 'in this review' at the final paragraph of the introduction section. 3. Please explain why "phase angle" is a necessary descriptor in searching articles for sarcopenia and chronic viral hepatitis.

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Dear colleagues! I read with interest your mini-review "Sarcopenia in the chronic viral hepatitis: from concept to clinical relevance", that covers an important topic of clinical hepatology that evades the attention of practitioners. The matters you brought up are really actual. I have only a few minor comments. The paper is not organized according to general rules. Normally, the order of sections is as follows: Introduction, aim, methods, results, discussion, conclusions). I feel that the manuscript benefit if the search criteria are placed next after the aim. Please, avoid "skeletal muscle abnormalities" in the aim, as this condition is not certain (may include myodystrophias, but they are not covered in the paper). Is it better to use "skeletal muscles weight", or "lean body weight" instead? In search criteria, the search criteria, the use of "body composition" in combination with HBV and HCV could yield additional number of papers. Eligibility criteria are not sufficiently described, please, add the information about extraction of the information from the abstracts, in case they were informative and data of previously published reviews. The study design and flow chart would be appreciated. The data of 17 papers are provided in the results. It seems that some outcomes, like

osteoporosis/fractures are not related to the condition of interest (viral hepatitis B or C), or associations are not sufficiently reflected. Is it possible to reflect the outcomes of antiviral treatment also? Discussion section is lacking. It seems that the text on page 6-12 may be used to organize this section. Please, avoid the use of references in the Conclusion, as this part of the manuscript should be based on the results of your search and your analysis of the information. I hope that my comments help you to improve your manuscript