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Dear Authors, The title reflect the main subject of the manuscript. The abstract summarize and reflect the work described in the manuscript. The key words reflect the focus of the manuscript. The manuscript describe methods in adequate detail. Please improve and extent your introduction Please add more conclusion to your article    Kind regards



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The study reviews the role of succinylation in liver pathologies. The review idea is innovative. However, there are several issues to address. Abstract requires a lot of improvements. Authors should avoid using vacuous phrases. Current Abstract is too general and should be improved/re-written. Example: “the liver being an important organ for this kind of modification” . It is necessary to use academic language and be highly specific. Abstract should indicate the most important enzymes involved into the regulation of succinylation in the liver. The enzymes should be accented regarding their role in the liver-related pathologies.be specific and mention the exact liver pathologies which can be targeted via the regulation of succinylation. Authors should use Core Tips for improvement of their Abstract. Succinylation is not “newly” discovered process, considering that they cite a paper from 2010. Authors should amend the Introduction (page 3). Authors should use academic language and avoid vacuous generalisations. English language profession editing is recommended. Figure 1, 2, 3 etc should be cited in the text. All figures were not mentioned in the text. it is essential they are mentioned at least once in the text. Some phrases are hard to understand (it could be wrong



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grammar/style). For instance, the section 3.1 title “3.1 Succinylation with hepatic glucose and amino acid metabolism” - is unclear. Did you mean “ Succinylation of enzymes involved into regulation of hepatic glucose and amino acid metabolism”??? The role of succinylation during aging, alcoholic liver disease etc should be described properly. Conclusion section should be improved and provide more specific recommendation for future direction of treatment targeting succinylation in liver cells.



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Authors addressed all my comments properly. The manuscript has been revised and can be accepted after minor English check up/editing.