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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This work utilizes Sod2^{+/-} mice to address the role of Sod2 and superoxide in alcohol-mediated regulation of hepcidin and iron metabolism. The authors are pioneers in this field. The major finding of the study is that superoxide is not involved in hepcidin regulation by alcohol. The experiments are well designed and appropriately controlled, and the data are technically sound. All conclusions are fully justified. Minor comment: The data in Fig. 6A suggest that alcohol promotes a non-significant induction of Sod2 in Sod2^{+/-} hepatocytes. Is it possible that the lack of statistical significance is due to the small sample size? What happens to Sod2 mRNA expression?



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