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COMMENTS

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS:

To authors,

In this manuscript, Matsumura H and colleagues analyzed risk factors for HCC associated with type C chronic liver disease. Interestingly, they found that the presence of atypical hepatocytes was significantly correlated with risk of HCC development, and therefore concluded that atypical hepatocytes among the histological findings of type C liver disease may be an important risk factor for HCC development along with progression of liver fibrosis. This is a manuscript that presents interesting and clinically important results. However, some minor issues should be addressed:

1. It is best to keep the term/unit consistent throughout the manuscript, such as γ GT (γ -GT), platelet count (platelet counts), U/l (U/L) and μ l (μ L).
2. Unit of platelet count is " $\times 10^4/\mu$ l", not " $\times 10^4/\mu$ l" (Page 6 and page 32). In page 27, " $15.0-35.0 \times 10^4/\mu$ l" must be replaced by " $15.0-35.0 \times 10^4/\mu$ l".