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			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The author has reviewed the recent changes of surrogate markers used for early diagnosis and screening of HCC. Although the findings are interesting the style of manuscript presentation requires a major revision so that a potential reader should read



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the message in a systematic manner. The author has written the findings that someone may find it as a PubMed summary of recent studies missing the aim of being a journal article. Therefore, I recommend author to revise the manuscript thoroughly into a newer version which is easy to read and findings presented in a logical-systematic pathway.

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In this review, the author provided an overview of the current evidence-based information on the clinical utility of serum biomarkers in the early diagnosis of HCC and the prognosis of the disease, including AFP, MicroRNAs, LncRNA and PIVKA-II. The



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author concluded that although there are important advances in the role of biomarkers in certain stages of the disease, especially in combinations, large studies are needed on certain population groups to introduce biomarkers into clinical practice on a large scale. It was difficult to find a unique combination of biomarkers in the diagnosis of HCC. Imaging techniques still play a leading role in both surveillance and HCC diagnosis. This review is described in detail, which, as valuable information, could help the readers that have better understand the first-hand knowledge of this topic to start novel studies.

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