

Dear Editor,

Please find attached the files of the article entitled "Immunohistochemistry panel segregates molecular types of hepatocellular carcinoma in Brazilian autopsy cases" for evaluation. We hope this manuscript may fit the scope and editorial policy of the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

On behalf of all authors, I declare that the manuscript contains original unpublished work and is not being submitted for publication elsewhere at the same time. I confirm that all authors have agreed with the submission in its present form. Also, the research was approved by the Ethics Committee for Research Project Analysis (CAPPesq) of the Hospital das Clínicas of the University of Sao Paulo School Of Medicine (protocol number 2346-0484/08 on 06/24/08) and was supported by Fundação de Amparo a Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo (FAPESP) grant 08/58855-3 to Alves VA.

The aim of this study was to analyze the expression of protein products of genes reported as relevant for tumor molecular classification in autopsies of patients with hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). The translation of genomic data into panels of immunohistochemical markers has been a strategy in the development of risk models for survival and prognostic evaluation of HCC. This cross-sectional analysis in a large post-mortem series supports this strategy and reinforces the paramount importance of histological grade. Additionally, the present study highlights different pathways related to tumor grade that may be involved in HCC progression and metastasis.

Sincerely yours,



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