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JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Hepatology

Manuscript NO: 35407

Title: Occult hepatitis B virus infection and surgical outcomes in non-B, non-C patients with curative resection for hepatocellular carcinoma

Journal Editor-in-Chief (Associate Editor): Claus-Thomas Bock

Country: Germany

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ACADEMIC CONTENT EVALUATION	LANGUAGE QUALITY EVALUATION	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor		<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision

JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (ASSOCIATE EDITOR) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dr. Koga and colleagues have presented an interesting retrospective observational study in which they aimed to explore the prevalence of OBI and surgical outcomes in non-B, non-C patients. The study is of higher interest for the readers of WJH and well written. The language meets the requirements for publication. Although the reviewers raised congruently substantial criticisms and comments, in my opinion, the authors have mainly implemented most of the major criticisms and comments. However, the criticism of reviewer 2 on missing data concerning viral serological marker, HCC stage, number of tumors, neoadjuvant treatments etc. is not fully fellfield. This limitation of the missing data should be clearly stated in the discussion section under limitations. Therefore, I consider accepting the manuscript for publication in WJH after minor revision.