

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors analyzed the effect of antiviral therapy on liver carcinogenesis in chronic liver disease patients related to hepatitis B virus, and concluded that early introduction of antiviral therapy should be cautious, because of lack of its decreasing effect on liver carcinogenesis in chronic hepatitis patients. Although I cannot point out any major problems with the observation results and their interpretation, I would like to request additional description or discussion of the following points: 1. reasons for inclusion and exclusion criteria 2. data on the methods and intervals of imaging tests for screening of liver cancer and whether there are differences between groups. In addition, information on the size of the liver cancer at the time of initial diagnosis. 3. discussion on the appropriate timing for initiation of antiviral drugs based on the results of this analysis.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The responses are appropriate.