

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The proposed theme is of extreme scientific relevance. The present study provides important data for the early diagnosis of HCC, enabling an increase in the number of cases treated worldwide. However, I consider it appropriate to stratify the VEGF values and tumor characteristics by BCLC by sex. A question to be considered and included in the results and discussion is how did younger individuals behave in relation to older ones regarding tumor markers? There was no comment on the exclusion of cirrhosis due to alcohol, cannot this etiology alter components measured by VEGF?

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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I congratulate the authors for choosing the relevant topic. My previous comments were taken care of.