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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper was well written though the novelty was not high. There are 2 issues to be explored. 1. The reviewer did not see the variable of pretreatment or treatment AFP level in predicting HCC, as this is quit easy-to-access and being reported in many studies 2. Did all the patients receive full course of NUCs during the study period until data censor. The issue of drug compliance or coverage should be clarified

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