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Author's Country/Territory: United States

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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 manuscript titled : "Hepatocellular Carcinoma and Immunotherapy: Beyond Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors" deserves to be published since it represents a very useful contribution to the medical literature. The authors have made a respectable effort



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This letter “Hepatocellular Carcinoma and Immunotherapy: Beyond Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors” that focused on immunotherapy of HCC and its biomarkers is interesting and easy to read. The authors have read the review focusing on immune aspects of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) by Mattos et al. and highly regarded the great value, on the basis of which they put forward the supplementary opinions on immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs) with structural table. The authors highlighted the role of promising immunotherapeutic modalities in HCC, such as glypican-3 (GPC3), multidrug resistance-associated protein 3 (MRP3), oncolytic virotherapy and cellular therapy, although most of these studies are still in phase 1 or Phase 2 clinical trials, they still bring hopes for the development of HCC immunotherapy. Besides, the authors emphasized the importance of identifying predictive biomarkers for immunotherapy response in HCC, establish predictive model may will play an important role in screening patients receiving immunotherapy, efficacy evaluation and prognosis prediction, while it is still needed to be validated repeatedly and widely in clinical practice.



RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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the manuscript is in need for language edition