

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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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
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the current study, authors aimed to evaluate whether LFC lowers the risk of liver cancer in a propensity score-matched, nationwide, population-based cohort study. Generally, the study design is OK. Moreover, many articles have been published based on the Taiwan National Health Insurance Research Database, thus, the findings of this study are reliable. However, there are some issues need to be addressed before further consideration. Major comments: 1. Please discuss the underlying mechanisms LFC lowers the risk of liver cancer in the Discussion Section. Minor comments: 1. "Asian countries, including China, Taiwan and Japan..." (Lines 3-4, Page 7) should be change into "Asian countries and territories, including China, Japan and Taiwan". 2. The full name of HCC should be provided at its first occurrence in the main text. 3. "Analyses stratified for demographic characteristics, comorbidities and medications in the patients with liver cancer are also shown in Table 2." (Lines 12-13, Page 12) Why use also? 4. Several grammatical errors throughout the entire manuscript which urges critical revision. Please consult a native English-speaking editor and improve the quality of the language.

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very well written and an important topic is well discussed with references.