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 **Features of Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Hispanics Differ from African Americans and Non-Hispanic Whites**

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This was a retrospective study which was approved by the University of Illinois IRB as an expedited review, under expedited category 5(Protocol 2005-0283). As such, it was granted a waiver of informed consent and HIPAA authorization.