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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript entitled, "MicroRNAs and clinical implications in Hepatocellular carcinoma" demonstrates that miR-23a can be used in screening of liver cancer and it gives better results than alpha fetoprotein. Until now microRNAs have been studied as biomarkers for diseases. Including them this data showed first demonstration that mir23a could be used as a promising biomarker for HCC patients, even though large scale examination is required. This manuscript would provide important clues for the development of microRNA as biomarkers for HCC. My minor comments are as follows;

- It is required to provide sequences information for the used microRNA primer sets and PCR condition that can be helpful to the authors interested in this work.