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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

They found that patients with early-stage HCC and higher genome change or harboring CNAs containing MYC, ELAC2, SYK, GAK, MECOM, or WRN are at risk for poorer outcome after resection. These may have important clinical significance.

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Comments for ESPS Manuscript NO 36283 DNA copy number alterations (CNAs) are important subclasses of somatic mutations, with aberrant chromosomal regions of amplifications or deletions commonly associated with overexpressed oncogenes or the loss of tumor suppressor genes (TSGs). And it is possible that the identification of driver genes by means of cancer-specific CNAs could provide new insights for understanding the molecular mechanisms underlying the initiation and progression of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). This study reported that patients with early-stage HCC and higher genome change or harboring CNAs containing MYC, ELAC2, SYK, GAK, MECOM, or WRN are at risk for poorer outcome after resection. And this study provided valuable information that could contribute to developing candidate biomarkers with potential clinical value either for early diagnosis or prognosis of HCC. In sum, this paper is well

written, the experiments are well conducted. There are no major and few minor concerns. Regarding the latter, minor language polishing is needed.