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Dear Editor,

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS:

In the present review, authors summarized the current knowledge on the molecular mechanisms underlying hepatitis B virus (HBV) X protein (HBx)-induced hepatocarcinogenesis. This is a very interesting article that describes the important functions of HBx in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) progression, such as protein-protein interaction, transcriptional regulation, and induction of chromosome instability; signal transduction pathways triggered by HBx were also reviewed. In my opinion this work is very well written and organized and would be very helpful for expert and non-expert readers. [I only have one minor concern regarding references. Authors should include some of the just recently published articles about HBx functions in HCC.](#)

Response: Thanks for this insightful suggestion. This review included some of the just recently published articles about HBx functions in HCC in most section, but “HBx mutants and tumor imitation” didn’t include enough recently published articles, so we add some articles in it(references 27, 28, and 34).

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