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Article title: Characteristics and roles of lncRNAs in hepatocellular carcinoma: Novel insights into their mechanism **ID:** #19235

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Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for recommending our article to WJH and here are our replies to the remarks. The parts added in the new version were marked in red in the text.

1 Several important reviews on the subject and studies on the function of different lncRNAs are not mentioned in the manuscript.

Reply: We downloaded all the articles mentioned in the list and read them thoroughly and the useful information has been added into the article as requested.

2 The first part of the abstract contains non-relevant information which can be added to the introduction if necessary.

Reply: It has been modified as requested. The content has been moved to page4, at the end of the first paragraph.

3 The section with the title “Molecular mechanisms of lncRNAs” is not essential nor appropriate since the short information under this heading does not reveal any mechanisms. Therefore, this text can be integrated into the “Introduction”.

Reply: It has been modified as requested. The content has been moved to last paragraph of page5.

4 Table 3 is not necessary since it contains a single lncRNA.

Reply: We have deleted Table 3.

5 In the “Conclusion” section (first paragraph, second to the last sentence) the authors mention “another review” comparing different lncRNAs, but no reference is given and it is not clear which study is referred to.

Reply: We have checked it and used the relevant articles as references.

6 The paragraph describing UFC1 begins with the statement “other than the above four lncRNAs ...”, but only three lncRNAs are mentioned before UFC1.

Reply: It has been modified as requested.

7 The information involving several lncRNA molecules (UFC1, linc00974, PTENP1, HEIH, MT1DP, SRHC) are taken from a single study each and need to be validated by other studies.

Reply: We summarized these lncRNAs under the title “latest find of lncTNAs related to HCC” with the conclusion “For these 5 newly found lncRNAs, investigations with more preclinical models of HCC would be needed in order to further strengthen the conclusions and provide a more rational support for ward clinical application.”

8 References missing following 2. sentence in the 3. paragraph of “Introduction”(Recent studies...).

Reply: It has been modified as requested.

9 Also a reference is required for the statement represented by the first sentence under SRHC. Likewise, the first two sentences in the paragraph “lncRNA-LET” should be supported by appropriate references.

Reply: It has been modified as requested.

10 The text is written in poor English with too many grammatical errors and inappropriate expressions and requires comprehensive linguistic revision.

Reply: We're sorry that there's limitation in our writing skills and we have read the articles again and again and made some improvement, we also asked some native experts to give us some advice on modification.

11 The manuscript, however, requires some language editing, including usage of "who" instead of "which", "attentive" instead of "careful or thorough", "heated studied", or "more researches are needed".

Reply: It has been modified as requested.

12 Equally important is to check and verify the reference quotation under "Conclusions". You refer to two "published articles", but quote only one, 104. Where is the second refr.?

Reply: It has been modified as requested.

13 It was hard to extract any message from the texture. It would be better to summarize "conclusion". It would be recommended to add "Future directions".

Reply: It has been modified as requested. We made summary and conclusion.

Looking forward to your kind response and decision and thank you very much for considering our manuscript for publication in your journal.

Yours sincerely

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