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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a good job regarding the role of miR-29a on HBV proliferation. This laborious study contains enough data on the mechanism of miR-29a, and clearly indicates that increase of miR-29a promotes HBV replication and expression via suppression of cellular transcription modulator SMARCE1 in hepatoma carcinoma cell lines. Furthermore, this article indicates that miR-29a inhibits translation of SMARCE, but not transcription. Minor points 1. The data were expressed as mean + SD. How much number of times did these experiments repeat? Please list the number of times in each experiment. 2. HbsAg, HbeAg should be unified to HBsAg, HBeAg.