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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This manuscript entitled, "Hepatitis C virus-associated hepatocellular carcinoma after the sustained virologic response" appropriately reviewed and covered the available literature on the subject. There are many reports suggesting that after elimination of



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HCV infection by DAA, the risk of associated pathogenesis remained and patients are still prone to develop HCC. However, some reports suggest that after achieving SVR by DAA, the risk of developing HCC is reduced as observed in pegylated-interferon treated patients. The authors have appropriately concluded that further investigations are needed to establish the risk or no risk of HCC development after achieving SVR by DAA. Minor comments: The manuscript should be thoroughly checked for spelling errors. At many places the "recurrence" is wrongly spelled.

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This is a very interesting editorial article, that rises the importance of more basic and clinical research to adresa a possible role of direct-acting antiviral therapy for HCV in recurrence or occurrence of hepatocelullar carcinome (HCC). The literature is well



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contrasted, and it is well written. My only but if the figure, I believe that a more complete legend is needed, so it can be self standing.

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The manuscript submitted by Sasaki and Kanda is a literature review about the possible association of new DAA interferon-free therapy with early occurrence or recurrence of HCC. The text is well written, and authors made a deep literature research to discuss the



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correlation of DAA interferon-free regimen and HCC. Although several different aspects have been addressed I think that authors also should discuss the viral genotypes as it is one of strongest biological factor associated with HCC (sp. genotype 1b). Also, there are few minor typos like extra space and acronyms without explanation that should be observed. Finally, in my opinion, the manuscript is a Review and not a Editorial as described by the authors.

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