

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

Manuscript NO: 47845

Title: Hepatocellular carcinoma in the post-hepatitis C virus era: Should we change the paradigm?

Reviewer's code: 02527183

Reviewer's country: France

Science editor: Jia-Ping Yan

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
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publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<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

A useful and timely review that is well written and gives a good overview on the current situation on HCC. The English could be improved by a native speaker. The authors should consider to include a brief discussion on the issue of HCV diagnosis and



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treatment options in developing/Asian/Eastern countries, which will be one of the major obstacles on the road to eradication.

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			Conflicts-of-Interest:
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Good paper. HBV is necessary to mention, as one hundred million people in China were infected with the HBV and with a high risk for the development of HCC.



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review article discusses a common disease hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). A series of reviews on this topic have been published recently. Given that new progresses have been made in this field at a rapid pace, this topic will be still one of great interests



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for the readers. In this manuscript the authors made a good attempt to summarize relevant literature on the risk of HCC occurrence and recurrence in the Post-HCV era. The writing is smooth and the figures are appropriate. I would recommend it for publication if the authors could discuss more updated literature, in particular for this literature: El-Emshaty HM, Saad EA, Gouda MS, Elshahawy ZR (2018) Associations between CD133, CK19 and G2/M in cirrhotic HCV (genotype-4) patients with or without accompanying tumor. Biocell 42(2):55–60

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors should be congratulated for this well-written review article. It is thorough, reads well, and addresses an important issue in Hepatology. I have no major concerns.

MINOR COMMENTS 1. As authors mention, all most international guidelines

recommned continuing surveillance even after the achievement of sustained virological response (SVR). Would surveillance be required in patients who are proved to have marked reduction in fibrosis either through repeat liver biopsy or FibroScan years after achieving SVR? Is there any evidence to support discontinuation of surveillance in this group of patients? 2. Figure 2B: according to Figure 2B, authors recommned 3-4 monthly surveillance following curative therapy for HCC. Given that the risk of HCC recurrence is high in the first 2 years, should this not be 2 years? 3. Title is somewhat misleading. This review is about the risk factors and screening/surveillance of HCC and not about the treatment of it. Therefore the title 'Managing HCC....' is somewhat misleading. I would recommned simplying removing the word 'Managing' and leave the title as 'Hepatocellular Carcinoma in the'. 4. Page 4, line 9, which starts as 'use even in patients with advanced liver disease' should be changed to 'use even in patients with decompensated liver disease'.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript of Meringer et al. is a nice and complete review on the recent past and new frontiers of Hepatocellular Carcinoma. It summarizes the main recent literature on the topic offering an easy and exhaustive narrative review to the reader. The only



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concern regards the two figures which should be eliminated since they do not add any useful message and contain generic data.

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