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This is the first study exploring the diagnostic and prognostic value of the new marker, CASC9 for HCC. While there is a great need for specific biomarkers for HCC, any potential new markers are always welcome. Although the authors states the limitation of studying only Chinese population, it is likely that similar finding will be observed in other populations and races. Also more task for the authors would be to extend the observation of this marker in patients with liver cirrhosis and hepatitis, and furthermore, to observe in HBV-HCC, HCV-HCC or HCC attributed to NASH or alcoholic liver diseases. Question: How easy would this be to use this serum marker in the clinical lab setting?

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This manuscript is an observational study focusing on the diagnostic and prognostic value of lncRNA CASC9 in HCC. This is an important basic and clinical trial about a hot topic. I suggest some corrections: 1. In the Methods section of the Abstract, authors mention that “A total of 80 HCC patients treated in our hospital from May 2012 to January 2014 were enrolled...”. But, in the Collection of patient samples section, they mention that “A total of 80 HCC patients treated in our hospital from October 2017 to January 2019 were enrolled”. This should be corrected. Actually, they are giving 5-year survival data, therefore, I think that the first sentence should be correct. 2. In the Figure 1,B, the X axis shows the Time as days such as 1000-2000-3000-4000. In place of “Day”, I recommend “Year” such as 1-3-5 or more.. 3. In the Figure 2,D and 4,B, in place of lymph node metastasis they used the word “transfer” and “no-transfer”. It is not meaningful, and should be corrected such as “node-positive and node-negative”. 4. Relationship between AFP level and CASC9 expression was not clearly understandable; according to the Figure 2,F and Table 2, low level (<200 ng/ml) shows high expression of CASC9 (3.609), but patients with low level of AFP have good prognosis. Is there an inverse relationship between AFP and CASC9? After the corrections, this manuscript worth to publish.

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