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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this manuscript, Han Ah Lee et al. evaluated the diagnostic accuracy of alpha-fetoprotein (AFP), the Lens culinaris agglutinin-reactive fraction of AFP (AFP-L3), and protein induced by vitamin K absence or antagonist-II (PIVKA-II) and their combination for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) diagnosis. Overall, the work is good and helpful. I think this manuscript deserves to public after minor revisions. 1. The exclusion criteria of this study should include patients with liver failure. Patients with liver failure (no HCC) often have high level of PIVKA-II in clinical practice. If the study include this part of patients, it will decrease the specificity of PIVKA-II.