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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Very interesting study, though discussion could be improved by further dissecting the potential reasons behind the decrease in the incidence of liver cancers



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I think if authors added geographic map with different colors to show differences between nations regarding HCC will be better. ((Of note, the proportion of patients who received confirmation based on microscopic analysis substantially increased from 5.7% in 1987-1996 to 55.6% in 2007-2015)) page 10, please correct. regarding studied population, there are many factors I am looking for in your study but I did not find it like educational level, health care education, availability and quality of health care system, health insurance and health economics. Regarding aflatoxins, what about environmental and storage factors.