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<b>Novelty of this manuscript</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
<b>Creativity or innovation of this manuscript</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation



<b>Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
<b>Language quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The case report is reviewed with the following suggestions: overall, this article reports a clinically rare case of hepatocellular carcinoma with a tissue liver abscess. In the article, the author shows us the detailed case-related data of the patient, including the whole diagnosis and treatment process from the initial diagnosis of liver abscess to the final diagnosis of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), including some interesting CT images and H & E and CD34 marker staining images of the resected lesions. Through the author's consistent exposition, we can understand how the diagnosis of hepatocellular carcinoma was omitted when the patient presented with tissue liver abscess, and revealed how the various indicators of liver abscess affected the doctor's diagnostic process, and cause difficulties in the diagnosis of hepatocellular carcinoma with liver abscess. The paper deeply based on the clinical work, and puts forward a real difficult problem of diagnosis, with a clear theme, full clinical significance, and the report has a certain value. The following comments are about the advantages of the report: 1. The elaboration structure of this article is very smooth and reasonable, which clearly and completely shows the process from initial diagnosis to treatment of the whole difficult case, and discusses the



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problems raised at the beginning of the article in the following discussion part. 2. The discussion part of this article is concise and powerful, which fully expresses the author's thinking process and the new conclusions he wants to draw, and the logical relationship between the discussion and the case is very clear. 3. Based on clinical work, this article provides a warning that in cases with tissue liver abscess, do not ignore the possibility of diagnosis of hepatocellular carcinoma, even if multiple biopsies are required. Therefore, the purpose of this article is clear and the practical significance is sufficient. The following suggestions can be regarded as areas for improvement: 1.

The article has some problems in terms of innovation. We can retrieve not a small number of cases of liver abscess and hepatocellular carcinoma. Some of them focus on diagnosis, some focus on treatment, and even several cases are reported at the same time. Cases of hepatocellular carcinoma camouflaged by liver abscess have also been reported. So this article may consider digging out some unique insights or nuances to improve innovation. 2. The relevant CT images are shown in this article, and it is recommended that the focus be marked to show its change process more clearly. 3. The tissue staining picture in this article lacks a ruler and is suggested to be added. Generally speaking, it is suggested that it should be revised before published.



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This is an interesting case, but I have a number of comments: 1) Indicate the full diagnosis: cirrhosis of ... etiology, complications ..., HCC in .... 2) From case it is not clear whether it is an area of HCC in a liver abscess or an abscess in HCC. 3) What is the nature of the abscess? what fungi were found? What antifungal drugs are prescribed? 4) Is urinary tract damage associated with liver damage or is it a separate condition? 5) Please, clearly show the size of the abscess and HCC on the CT image; 6) classification of HCC according to the Barcelona system should be carried out.



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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