

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Persistent elevation of fibrosis biomarker Cartilage Oligomeric Matrix Protein following HCV eradication

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publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors investigated the possible role of S-COMP as biomarker for hepatic fibrosis and HCC after successful therapy of CHC with DAA. The study is interesting, but the number of patients is too low to draw definitive conclusions. As the authors



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assessed, data need to be enlarged to better understand the real utility of this marker in the follow-up of patients with SVR after DAA treatment.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Andréasson et al. wrote a letter to the editor regarding serum levels of fibrosis biomarker Cartilage Oligomeric Matrix Protein in CHC patient. It is interesting, but the paper what they cited and discussed about it was a different journal, unfortunately.



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Furthermore, the most description seemed to be original results from an unpublished study. I recommend you to submit this letter after accepting your study to world journal of gastroenterology. Alternatively, you should consider it to submit world journal of hepatology.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this preliminary study, Kristofer et al. aimed to found the clinical significance of S-COMP in HCV patients. The results showed that S-COMP levels were higher in transient elastography-proved cirrhosis, however, this biomarker did not significantly

decreased with the improvements of liver function test and liver elasticity. It is an interesting study, but there are some major issues needs to be addressed. 1. Page 4 Line 115. "One patient developed HCC prior to the inclusion in this study. This patient exhibited the highest (21 U/L) level of S-COMP in this study." This study did not exclude patients with HCC, which had been proven to have a higher COMP level. I would like to see the results after this particular patient was excluded from final analysis. 2. Since COMP is a molecule in fibrotised tissues, I would like to see if there is any difference between the COMP and the other classic fibrotic markers(for example, Hyaluronic Acid,Collagen Hydrogel) in the same population. 3. Page 2 Line 35 "This is of interest since these patients are still at risk of developing hepatocellular carcinoma, and COMP has been presented as a biomarker of carcinoma development". I think this sentence is not propriate as the results of this study did not provide any evidence of HCC development in the follow up.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well written report. I don't have any criticism to it.

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