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			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors have presented their experience of low-dose aspirin administration post-splenectomy for hypersplenism in cirrhotic patients and recorded the incidence of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) and survivals. They have shown reduced incidence of



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HCC and improved survival in aspirin-treated group. The paper does have novelty and I recommend its publication in the WJG. However, I would recommend to pay attention to some of the English language issues and also cite more recent references which are available in the PubMed.

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is a very interesting study which demonstrated the increased survival of patients on aspirin following splenectomy for complications of portal hypertyension as a result of hepatitis induced liver cirrhosis. Cirrhosis of the liver is a premalignant condition for



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HCC and takes at least 10 yrs for the dysplastic transformation. Your conclusion that aspirin decreased the incidence of HCC is not exactly true. It may have slowed the progression of the disease which was already there in that cohort of patients especially at that advanced stage of the disease.

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