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1. gramatical issue 2. word editing , font ,line spacs 3. it look like some what carelessness work

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Firstly, the treatment of HCC should be holistic. For example, radical lesion resection is the first choice of treatment for early liver cancer, and postoperative adjuvant therapy with RFA, TACE and molecular targeted drugs also proves the view of holistic treatment of HCC. From the perspective of traditional Chinese medicine, the authors described the role of traditional Chinese medicine in the treatment of HCC, such as local control of HCC, inhibition of epithelial cell transformation, inhibition of tumor stem cell proliferation and improvement of chemotherapy drug resistance. As complementary treatments for HCC, traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture do have certain effects. However, there are still many deficiencies in the article, which are as follows: 1. First of all, the focus of the article is not outstanding. For example, the author cited many mechanisms of TCM in the treatment of HCC, but I felt that the explanation was not very clear, and some parts were only a few points. Acupuncture, for example, is just mentioned. Furthermore, the authors listed the role of many traditional Chinese medicines in the regulation of HCC signaling pathways, but did not specify which signaling pathways are better regulated by traditional Chinese medicines. Therefore, I think it is enough to simplify the description of many traditional Chinese medicines in regulating HCC signaling pathway and list a few key points with good regulatory effects.

2. The language of the manuscript needs to be revised. 3. The diagrams in the manuscript are not standard and need to be adjusted. Overall, this review has certain clinical significance and at least gives us a deeper understanding of the role of traditional Chinese medicine in the treatment of HCC, so it is worthy of publication.