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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Smoking can be associated with increased liver cancer mortality. This study investigated 341 patients with viral-associated HCC who underwent curative surgery for their primary lesion, and analyzed the association between smoking status and surgical outcomes in HBV-related HCC and HCV-related HCC. The authors concluded that a smoking habit is significantly correlated with the overall and disease-specific survivals of patients with C-HCC. In contrast, the B-HCC patients showed a weak association between smoking status and surgical outcomes. This is a well-organized retrospective study. The result would be of interest to the specialists in the field. 1. How do authors define HBV and HCV infection? 2. Please describe the treatment procedure. 3. In table 1, the SD of AFP is higher than the mean. Please change the statistical method.