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#### **COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Very interesting study about the microRNAs panel on the diagnostic implications of HCC. The authors screened 9 out of 754 serum miRNAs by TLDA in two pooled samples from 35 HCC and 35 normal controls. The changes of the selected miRNAs after operation and their prognostic value were examined. Four serum miRNAs were found to be significantly higher in HCC than in controls. The authors found that the miR-375, miR-10a, miR-122 and miR-423 could potentially serve as novel biomarkers for the diagnostic and prognostic of HCC. The study is well designed and the results are well display. Only the references should be updated.

#### **Answer**

Thanks for the reviewer' comments very much.

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#### **COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The four serum miRNAs (miR-375, miR-10a, miR-122 and miR-423) could potentially serve as novel biomarkers for the diagnostic and prognostic of HCC. How about serum AFP and specificity?

#### **Answer**

Thanks for the reviewer' comments very much. We have added it in the limitations of our study in the Discussion section.

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#### **COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an interesting study. The study is well designed and the results are well discussed. However, the serum AFP and specificity should be discussed. A proof reading about the manuscript is required.

#### **Answer**

Thanks for the reviewer' comments very much. We have added it in the limitations of our study in the Discussion section.