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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The idea was interesting that the occupational exposure to chemicals might be the cause of HCC. Are there any possibilities that occupational factors and HCV or HBV cofound the risk for HCC? For example, are there any difference prevalence of HCV or HBV between heavy construction equipment operators and the other population? If the prevalence of HCV or HBV is higher in the specific occupation than the other population, the cause of HCC might be solely attributed to HCV or HBV, not the occupation. Mechanisms of carcinogenesis of HCC by HBV, HCV are not directly related with occupational exposure, but necessary information. It would seem better to reduce and summarize the paragraphs regarding mechanisms of carcinogenesis by HBV or HCV. It would be better to separate conclusion from "Discussion and conclusion". It would be better to make "conclusion" like take-home messages.