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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review covers the signaling pathways modulated by HCV core protein, such as TGF-β, VEGF, wnt/b-catenin, COX-2 and PPARα. The documentation regarding each pathway are detailed enough. As these pathways plays important role in fibrosis,



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angiogenesis and tumorigenesis by HCV infection, this review has potential of many citation. Although the author documented the potential of target therapy by inhibitors against these pathways, many HCV-infected patients nowadays underwent antiviral therapy using direct-acting antivirals (DAA) or interferon and many patients are induced sustained virologic response (SVR). Please add the review and/or discussion regarding tumorigenesis and pathways after SVR.

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The review ' Hepatitis C virus core protein modulates several signaling pathways involved in hepatocellular carcinoma ' by Shahab Mahmoudvand et al introduced the HCC associated signaling pathways including TGF- β , VEGF, WNT, COX-2 and PPAR α



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modulated by HCV in detail. The literature cited by the author is new and representative. The logic of manuscript is clear and reasonable. The illustrations are also very exquisite. This review is very useful to both clinicians and patients. I have no specific comments to the authors, only some minor language polishing should be checked.

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