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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In general, the design is reasonable and the results are worth trusting. ?Intercellular adhesion molecule-1(ICAM-1) is a important marker in tumor arises, metastasis, and recurrence. In the article, the authors suggested that ICAM-1 may be a promising serological biomarker for HCC diagnosis and an independent predictor of DFS and OS after surgical resection. 1) The paper reported that AUC of ICAM-1 was 0.636 with a 95% CI of 0.571 to 0.698, and a sensitivity of 60.2% and specificity of 77.3%. Why not compared the AUC with the serum AFP? 2) Could ICAM-1 be combined with AFP or other serum markers to enhance the accuracy of HCC diagnosis? 3) "a cutoff value of 684 ng/ml was found to have a relatively high specificity". How to determine the cut-off value? There isn't relevant description in statistical method.? 4) The authors should better revise the manuscript by a naive English speaker. Several grammatical mistake are found, such as "Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), ranking the sixth most common malignant tumors worldwide". It was a wrong sentence without predicate. "intra and extrahepatic metastases" should be changed to "intrahepatic and extrahepatic metastases" or "intra- and extra-hepatic metastases". "cut-off" or "cutoff"? The text



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should be unified. There are lots of such problems about English expression in the manuscript.

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In this manuscript, the authors investigated the association between ICAM-1 and metastasis and prognosis of hepatocellular carcinoma. By using ELISA and IHC on 236 subjects, they found that high level of ICAM-1 affected the tumor metastasis and poor prognosis of patients with HCC. This is a well-designed study, the writing is good. My only minor comments are as follow: 1, The authors need to add the healthy subjects serum ICAM-1 as controls; 2, There are still many typo-grammar error in the current MS.