

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Clinical significance of exosomes as potential biomarkers in cancer Chi-Hin Wong, Yang-Chao Chen\* Type: meta-analysis with standard process The authors do review the interesting and fruitful topic with acceptable English . Comments 1. Strength of clarification of the enrollment of studies from 1263 articles, 56 eligible studies were



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included for meta-analysis which is classified into; 22 studies related to diagnosis; 34 studies related to prognosis; and 8 studies related to both diagnosis and prognosis. The strength is the assessment of the studies with good quality system. 2. The large sample size of 2240 patients were enrolled in the diagnosis meta-analysis and 4797 patients were enrolled in the prognosis meta-analysis. 3. The limitation is the heterogeneity of cancer group for example in prognosis part - GI cancers (11 studies were about colorectal or colon cancer; 5 studies were related to liver cancer; 5 studies were about pancreatic cancer and 4 studies were related to gastric cancer) with I<sup>2</sup> of >90%. In addition, , most of the included studies are retrospective type. Best regards

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Authors made a metanalysis on diagnostic and prognostic role of exosomes in cancers. Although the aim is very good, there is problems in methods. Since analysis was not done on the base of individual exosome but done on the base of study i.e apples and pears have been put in same basket. The figures and tables (especially table2) is raw,



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