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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

On page 4 the authors state the "microvesseldensitiy density in liver biopsies" to be greater in hepatitis C than in hepatitis B. However, a reference for this statement is missing. Furthermore, the authors should be more precise and explain, which type of microvessels the refer to, because the liver has a complicated vascular structure. The manuscript needs some attention with respect to the English language and style. For instance on page 4 the sentence "Whereas in tumors, the ... .. for tumor development and progression" is quite difficult to read and understand. I recommend splitting the message in several sentences



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Overall the manuscript is well written. It will be fine if there is clinical evidence/observation for supporting HCV-induced angiogenesis, leading to HCC.



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This is an interesting and thorough review of the role of angiogenesis in HCC development and the possible mechanisms by which HCV stimulates angiogenesis, contributing to HCC development and/or progression. The review feels a bit fragmented, with references to studies looking at many different signalling pathways and cytokines, but no real sense of unity of mechanism or priority of various pathways. More synthesis of the various pathways and cytokines into a more unified mechanism would add clarity to the review, but given the limited understanding of these mechanisms it may not be possible. There are multiple small grammatical errors throughout the manuscript that would benefit from editing by a native English speaker.