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Introduction: The aim of the study is not clear Matherial and methods: It is not clear if the study is retrospective or prospective. The authors declared: "The study was approved by the Ethics Committee in the university, and the informed consents were obtained from all patients and donors before the start of the study." But that sentence is in contrast with the declaration in the "Academic rules and norms" sent to the Editor. No statistical analysis chapter is described. Results: The authors wrote: "As shown in Figure1B, the CTNNB1 mutation rate in chronic HBV-related HCC was 10.79%, which was similar to that in HBV/HCV co-infection related HCC, but significantly lower than those with HCV-related HCC or non-viral HCC. Even though, the CTNNB1 mutation rate in chronic HBV-related HCC was still higher than that in several other human tumors like ESCC, lung cancer and gastric cancer." and again: "...the CTNNB1 mutation rate in HCC is 19.24%, which was significantly higher than the mutation rates in other tumors..."- and again: "the CTNNB1 mutation rate in chronic HBV-related HCC was 10.79%, which was similar to that in HBV/HCV co-infection related HCC, but significantly lower than those with HCV-related HCC or non-viral HCC" If the authors wrote "significantly higher" or "significantly lower" a statistical analysis is important to do



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The authors present a comprehensive study. The methodology is correct. The conclusions are consistent with the results obtained. Represents a significant contribution in the advancement of study of the process of hepatocarcinogenesis. The only shortcoming is that the report of patient consent is not present.