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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the present review, authors summarized the current knowledge on the molecular mechanisms underlying hepatitis B virus (HBV) X protein (HBx)-induced hepatocarcinogenesis. This is a very interesting article that describes the important functions of HBx in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) progression, such as protein-protein interaction, transcriptional regulation, and induction of chromosome instability; signal transduction pathways triggered by HBx were also reviewed. In my opinion this work is very well written and organized and would be very helpful for expert and non-expert readers. I only have one minor concern regarding references. Authors should include some of the just recently published articles about HBx functions in HCC.