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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review described Wnt signaling in HCC. This manuscript was well-organized. Set of stem cell markers are different depending on types of cancers. CD44 and CD133 are popular as cancer stem cell markers. As for HCC, CD44 is less popular. But the authors state both markers at the same weight. Did the author think CD44 as a cancer stem cell marker of HCC? What is "non-liver cancer stem cell lines"? PLC is positive with CD44.

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Major Comment: This manuscript offers an interesting review on an important topic including future perspectives. Minor Comments: Author contributions: "devoping" -> developing Page 3, first paragraph (Abstract): "The main focus of this review is underlie the role of  $\beta$ -catenin pathway on hepatocarcinogenesis, liver cancer stem cell (LCSC) maintenance and small molecules targeting the Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin pathway with potential application for treatment of HCC." - Please correct this sentence. Page 7, third paragraph: "Based on recent studies indicating the important role of Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signaling an in the maintenance of CSCs,..." - Please clarify this statement. Figure 1: Was this figure produced by the authors or was it taken from somewhere else? Linguistic and stylistic problems/typing errors ("Liu et al. shown that..." (p. 5), "Others reports" (p. 6), "desctruction complex" (p. 8), etc.).