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This manuscript is prepared in a structural format including the subtitle with INTRODUCTION, HCC PREDICTION, PROPHYLAXIS OF HCC, and FUTURE CHALLENGE. It is a review rather than an editorial. However, as shown in the title, it seems an editorial for the journal. If it is, the text is too long (total word count = 10,111) and the references cited (88 references) are too many. I suggest reducing the volume of the text to at least half or even less (such as 2,000 words for the text and minimal references). Oppositely, if it is a review, tables comparing the data from different studies and a conclusion for the advantages and disadvantages by using different prediction models are required in the text. Even as an editorial, a conclusion and suggestion of a prediction model for both clinical application and academic studies is mandatory. Overall, a comprehensive review on the prediction models for prediction of HCC in HBV-infected patients in Asia, HCC staging for outcomes, and prediction models for HCC recurrence has been done in this manuscript. The main concern is that all are descriptive without any schemes, cartoons, or tables for a concise summary or illustrations, which makes this manuscript is long and difficult to read out. Specific comments: 1. Abstract and



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Introduction: Regarding epidemiology data about HCC incidence, predictive rates of HCC development and recurrence, 5-year survival and so on, only the data based on Chinese population or Mainland China were used. I suggest adding at least a global database for comparison and provide a global vision for the significance of the subject. I believe the readers of this journal are more interested to know the global data than just restricted in China. 2. I strongly suggest having a table comparing different HCC prediction scores or algorithms published from different countries and research groups in the world. 3. In terms of HCC staging for outcome prediction, there have been many reviews published. I will suggest just give a summary or comments on how to choose and use them for clinical practice. 4. A table for the reported HBV mutations with their frequency, associated treatments, and clinical implications and significance will be helpful for the readers.

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