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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Despite its limitations, the article is interesting and useful. It can contribute to better understanding of the pathogenetic mechanism of HCC. There are several grammatical errors that must be corrected (COX-2 catalyses, cytokines may involve in different aspects, in future studies, and so on). References must be written in agreement with the recommendations of the journal.

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The manuscript is interesting and original because there are few studies about COX2 and HCC. However, the English is not good and there are grammatical errors. Also, the discussion needs to improve. It is so concise. The references must be written in agreement with the recommendations of the journal.

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This is a well performed, analysed and written study on COX-2 and EP1 receptor immunoreactivity in patients with HCC. The investigators found that COX-2 immunoreactivity was significantly higher in well-differentiated HCC tissues and EP1 receptor immunoreactivity was significantly higher in poorly differentiated tissue than in well-differentiated tissue. In addition, Cox hazards model identified that AFP >400 ng/mL, tumor size ≥ 5 cm, and EP1 receptor expression were independently associated with OS. These results may have clinical significance since targeting the EP1 receptor may provide a selective approach to treating HCC. Comments 1. As AFP >400 ng/mL, tumor size ≥ 5 cm, and EP1 receptor expression are inversely related to overall survival, the Hazard Ratio in Table 2 should be less than 1 (and not more than 1) in all 3 parameters. 2. In the introduction section. "COX-2 catalyses the conversion of arachidonic acid into prostaglandin E2, which binds to the G-protein-coupled EP1 receptor, promoting progression of various types of tumors" needs rephrasing. 3. In the limitations section of the discussion "First, in this draft, the authors used only HE



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method, more accurate and quantitative method should be applied in future studies" needs rephrasing 4. Studies instead of studies. 5. Cox hazards model instead of Cox hazards modeling.