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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this manuscript Zekri et al. indicate that NKG2D, CD40, IL-2 and IL-10 plays a role in the development and progression of HCC. First, the authors showed that mDCs and CD40+ pDCs were decreased in HCC patients compared with healthy. Moreover, some relevant Immune- Modulators including NKG2D, CD40, IL-2 and IL-10, are dysregulated in HCC patients. Although it is an interesting study investigating the role of immune-modulators and Cytokines in HCC, further modifications are mandatory before publication. major concerns: 1. What is the relationship between these factors? Does they alone or in combination for the development of HCC? 2. Does the dysregulation of these factors correlated with the clinical characteristics of patients or related to the prognosis of patients? Please classified.