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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
[ ] Grade A: Excellent	[ ] Grade A: Priority publishing	Google Search:	[Y] Accept
[Y] Grade B: Very good	[Y] Grade B: Minor language polishing	[ ] The same title	[ ] High priority for publication
[ ] Grade C: Good	[ ] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	[ ] Duplicate publication	[ ] Rejection
[ ] Grade D: Fair	[ ] Grade D: Rejected	[ ] Plagiarism	[ ] Minor revision
[ ] Grade E: Poor		[Y] No	[ ] Major revision
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		[Y] No	

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting study about the GF-β and peripheral Tregs in HCC. In this study, the peripheral blood mononuclear cells were isolated from the peripheral blood of HCC patients and normal controls and then analyzed by flow cytometry. The percentage of TGF-β+ Tregs in the peripheral blood was measured, and the expression of TGF-β was determined. The expression of TGF-β and the percentage of TGF-β+ Tregs in the peripheral blood of HCC patients increased significantly compared with normal controls. Compared with the low TGF-β expression group, the high TGF-β expression group had a significantly lower five-year survival rate, and the same result was found in the two TGF-β+ Treg groups. The study is overall very well designed and the manuscript is well written. The results are well displayed and discussed. The text can be edited for some minor language polishing. Figures should be checked.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This study is very interesting, it focus on the TGF-β and peripheral Tregs in HCC. The results showed that TGF-β may promote tumor growth and proliferation, and may serve as new markers for predicting a poor prognosis in HCC. No special comments.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This study is an very interesting, in my opinion, it can be published after a minor language revision.