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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review provides a brief overview on the strategy of comparative proteomics to identify potential serum-based biomarkers distinguishing high-risk chronic HCV infected patients from HCC patients. It is a neat review, publication can be considered with the following comments. Special Comments

1. As HBV is more well associated with hepatocellular carcinoma, the proteomics pipelines should also touch on this important aspect.
2. It would be nice to have a Table or two for putting different these approaches together and compare their pros and cons.
3. How about the turnaround time?
4. In the Concluding Remarks: "However there are still some limitations that must be overcome before they are put into clinical applications." The authors better to delineate these limitations in details and how to overcome.
5. Edition of English is needed.
6. Some more relevant references can be considered in this review as listed below but not exclusive:- Mustafa MG, Petersen JR, Ju H, Cicalese L, Snyder N, Haidacher SJ, Denner L, Elferink C. Biomarker discovery for early detection of hepatocellular carcinoma in hepatitis C-infected patients. Mol Cell Proteomics. 2013 Dec;12(12):3640-52. Sarvari J, Mojtahedi Z, Kuramitsu Y, Fattahi MR, Ghaderi A, Nakamura K,



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For publishing this paper must be more detailed to make clear understanding and enable reproduction for other researchers, once many approaches for pipeline are proposed. My comments are in attachment.

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In the current form, this paper is not a research paper or review paper suitable for publication.

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Similar unmet medical needs abound in most fields of medicine and require novel methodological approaches. Proteomic profiling of body fluids presents a sensitive diagnostic tool for early cancer detection. Here the authors introduce "A Proteomics Pipeline for Biomarker Discovery and Validation". The presentation reflects the present state of knowledge and the figures are attained from experimentation/literature supported by the line of reasoning. The paper is written in clear language. I recommend to consideration for the publication of this manuscript as a Review paper. Maybe, it requires minor revision for theme of this manuscript as a review paper prior to its publication.