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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript is a comprehensive review on the utility of IHC in liver cancer diagnosis. It is well written and authors have done a good job in summarizing vast information; good balance of the sections. The references are appropriate, relevant, and up-to-date. They also provided a table for the reader to quick grasp the content. Specific comments: 1. Page 5, last paragraph. Reference(s) should be given to this statement. “In IHCA, activating mutations in genes (IL6ST, STAT3, GNAS, FRK) along the JAK- STAT pathway result in increased expression of inflammatory markers including serum amyloid A (SAA)” 2. Page6, it should be WNT/b-catenin pathway, instead of WNT/catenin pathway. 3. Page 6, line14, it was not clear what ‘BCAT’ is? 4. Page 8, GPC3 section, line3, “Immunostaining with GPC-3 in HCC is cytoplasmic. Please review this statement again, as some study suggest that with different immunostaining patterns, that is, membranous, canalicular, cytoplasmic and mixed. [Yan et al, Expression and clinicopathologic significance of glypican 3 in hepatocellular carcinoma<http://www.canliv.org/downloads/expression-and-clinicopathologic.aspx>]