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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors present a well-written, well-constructed study of an interesting correlation. It is acceptable for publication, though I wonder why the authors did not include the large study from UW. J Urol. 2013 Nov;190(5):1657-61. doi: 10.1016/j.juro.2013.04.130. Epub 2013 May 9. Risk factors for renal cell carcinoma in the VITAL study. Macleod LC1, Hotaling JM, Wright JL, Davenport MT, Gore JL, Harper J, White E.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors attempt to review the published literature by meta-analysis to examine if HCV hepatitis is related to renal cell carcinoma. In the introduction the authors mention the extra-hepatic manifestations of HCV and the connection with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and also hepatocellular carcinoma. The mechanism of HCC with HCV is by the development of cirrhosis and not a extra hepatic manifestation and I think this difference needs to be noted. The statistical analysis appears to be robust but needs to be assessed by a statistician. The main criticism I have is of the results. The authors find an increased risk for HCC in patients with chronic HCV hepatitis but after they adjust for the inclusion of studies that have cofounder adjustment there is an insignificant trend. In addition there may be a publication bias. The authors also try to explain a biological association between HCV infection and renal cell carcinoma. In summary, I think the manuscript deserves to be published mainly for the reason that it can stimulate further studies to address this possible link. Since we are now in the era of effective oral treatment with direct-acting antivirals it maybe that in the long-term there could be a decrease in the incidence of renal cell carcinoma which has public



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health benefit. Perhaps a comment on this point may be needed.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is an interesting meta-analysis about the correlation of HCV infection and RCC development. The aim of the meta-analysis is clearly stated and methods are well-described. However, results are too concise and not clearly described; I suggest to better describe the study process and literature review in the results section.