Reviewer’s report

Title: Glutathione S-Transferase P1 (GSTP1) Gene Polymorphism Increases Age-Related Susceptibility of Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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Reviewer: Jose AG G Agundez

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The manuscript was revised, but still some issues remain.

Major compulsory revisions.

To the comment “Authors should explain why results obtained in Taiwanese subjects might be different of those obtained in other oriental populations, and specifically whether a different genetic background, diet or environmental factors or other risk factors for HCC are present in Taiwan but not in other regions. " authors argue that “Taiwanese are highly exposed to environmental carcinogens, hepatitis B virus (HBV) or hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection, and habitual alcohol and tobacco consumption [26, 29-31]. Not all references describe studies carried out in Taiwanese subjects. Authors should explain clearly what is different in Taiwanese subjects as compared to other Oriental subjects, regarding liver cancer risk. Is different the diet, or the exposure to environmental carcinogens or HBV or HCV, or smoking or drinking habits? The issue is important because it is important to know if this study is comparable to similar studies carried out in Oriental individuals.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests