Reviewer's report

Title: Association of polymorphisms in survivin gene with the risk of hepatocellular carcinoma in Chinese han population: a case control study

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1) In introduction, the authors sayed that "to date, the relationship between survivin gene polymorphisms and the risk of HCC has not been studied yet worldwide" there is a study published recently the Bayram S et al. / Cancer Epidemiology 2011 Feb 4. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 21296634, doi:10.1016/j.canepr.2011.01.004 entiteld “The association between the survivin #31G/C promoter polymorphism and hepatocellular carcinoma risk in a Turkish population " and the term of not been stuided must be reviewed in the section of introduction and discussion. It would be useful to use the data of Bayram S et al. / Cancer Epidemiology 2011.

2) Sample size is small in present study and statistical power is low in analyses. Considerable explanation should be given on power of study.

3) The expression level of survivin in different rs8073069, rs9904341 and rs1042489 genotypes should be examined in normal liver as well as HCC tumors.

4) The English style of the paper should be revised and numerous typing errors should be corrected.

5) Discussion is too long; it should be shorter and crisp

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests