Reviewer's report

Title: Promoter methylation of CDKN2A and the lack of p16 expression characterize patients with hepatocellular carcinoma

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In order to make the author better understand the review, I list the content of the yellow box in order, so the author match the content to the yellow box:

(1). It should be table 3.
(2). It should be table 2.
(3). should be changed to hypermethylation?
(4). The relationship between methylation and differentiation should be discussed in the section of the discussion.
(5). Patient No.21 or 12? From the table 1, HCC12 was methylated.
(6). The figure couldn't be seen in the table, CCC5's PMR is 5.8%