Reviewer's report

**Title:** Clinical features and outcome of cryptogenic hepatocellular carcinoma compared to those of viral and alcoholic hepatocellular carcinoma

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1. The number of "cryptogenic" HCC patients in this study is relatively small, which may have masked the true difference in results.

2. Only part of “cryptogenic” HCC is attributed to non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD). Could the authors clarify why using the criteria of NAFLD to make a diagnosis of “cryptogenic HCC”?

3. "Significant: yes or no" could be considered in tables.

4. The suggestion is for major revision

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**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.