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Title: Microvascular invasion (MVI) is a prognostic predictor for small hepatocellular carcinoma

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Dear Dafne Solera:

We submit our manuscript entitled "[Microvascular invasion (MVI) is a prognostic predictor for small hepatocellular carcinoma]" by [Min Du] et al, which we would like to submit for publication as an [Original article] in [BMC Cancer]. We claimed that the work described has not been submitted elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal. All authors listed have approved the manuscript and agreed with the submission to [BMC Cancer].

As small hepatocellular carcinoma (SHCC) is a special type of hepatocellular carcinoma with an increasing incidence and excellent long-term outcome, the investigation of impact factors for SHCC patients’ survival is of vital importance. Analyzed clinicopathological features in 458 cases of SHCC, we found MVI is an independent prognostic factor for DFS and OS of single SHCC patients. Tumor histological differentiation had strong relationship with MVI. We hope to explore a pre-operation model that could predict patients’ survival and provide guidance for the following treatments of SHCC in the future.

Thanks very much for your attention to our paper.

Sincerely, yours,

Yuan Ji