Reviewer’s report

Title: The effects of the location of cancer stem cell marker CD133 on the prognosis of hepatocellular carcinoma patients

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The authors tried to prove the relationship between the expression of cytoplasm and nuclear CD133 and prognosis of HCC. It's a really interesting topic.

Specific comments:

1. It's not enough to draw such a conclusion "cytoplasmic CD133 expression was significant for poor prognosis, while contrarily nuclear CD133 expression was significantly correlated with favorable prognosis". You should better compare the groups with their other clinico-pathological parameters like age, gender, differentiation, tumor stage, hepatitis B surface antigen, hepatitis C virus to see whether the two groups are comparable or not before draw this conclusion.

2. "The median followup time after surgery was 982 days and the median overall survival of all patients was 1092 days." How do you explain the median OS is longer than that of the followup time?

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