Reviewer’s report

Title: Long-term prognosis after resection of cryptogenic hepatocellular carcinoma

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This is a well-written paper with a precise and straightforward aim.

I would recommend some minor modifications:

- Maybe the authors should define more precisely in the abstract the group of CR-HCC, i.e. precising that it does not include HCC developed on NASH (although it is well-defined in the methods sections)

- could the authors define the "cancer spread" on histopathological examination? Are they the satellite nodules?

- Could the authors please give more data on the patients, i.e. diabetes mellitus, BMI, hypertension, metabolic syndrome

- 2 papers are not cited regarding HCC on cryptogenic liver: takuma J Gastroenterol Heptaol 2011 and Tokushige Hepatol Res 2015.

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