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It is appreciated that funding availability can limit the possibility of follow up studies but without them it is challenging to understand if these biomarkers are reflective of HCC or lifestyle or some other latent metabolic condition. I think it is necessary that the authors include discussion as to the specificity of the biomarkers for HCC. They have nicely identified associations of the identified biomarkers but a more thorough discussion as to what else they might indicate would be helpful to the reader.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.