

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13503-review.doc).

Title: Chemotherapy and target therapy of hepatocellular carcinoma: New advances and challenges

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Some agents that lack noticeable tolerance and improvement of patients' survival (OS, PFS) have been briefly mentioned to make the review more concise. And most of the side effects have been removed.

(2) Grammatical errors and incorrect spellings have been corrected. The word "to us" in title has been removed, so as redundant information in abstract.

(3) As to pathological changes, I consider your question pretty good and practical. I'd like to provide information such as tumor stages, size, and metastasis status in clinical trials to confirm therapeutic efficacy more precisely. However, most primary endpoints of clinical trials are OS and PFS, and the treatment efficacy (tumor size, metastasis status) reflects on OS and PFS ultimately.

(4) To date, there is no specific molecular biomarker to guide selecting specific drugs for patients. We select therapeutic regimen according to doctors' clinical experience and treatment efficacy more often, and if one drug doesn't work, we replaced immediately. It is really a professional question. Molecular biomarker is also the current focus and major development in the future.

(5) Full names of OS, PFS and TTP have been provided as they appeared at the first time in the text.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hepatology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ganlu Deng'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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