

Response Letter

Dear reviewers/editors,

Thank you very much for your comments and suggestions on the manuscript entitled "Hepatitis B virus and hepatitis C virus play different prognostic roles in intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: a meta-analysis" (ID: 17697). Those comments and suggestions are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have studied them carefully and have made corrections which we hope meet with approval. The amendments are highlighted in yellow in the revised manuscript.

The main corrections in the paper and the response to the reviewer's comments are as follows:

1. Comment: It seems that the last sentence of introduction "our result showed that...." is not related to introduction and should be put write in the discussion or conclusion part of the study.
Response: The last sentence of introduction "our result showed that...." has been put in the discussion part.
2. Comment: In table 1 and its first column, year means year of publication of paper or year of performing the study?
Response: In Table 1, year means year of publication.
3. Comment: The reviewer suggested adding a parenthesis in front of each study in table 1 containing the reference number of study.
Response: In Table 1, parenthesis which contains the reference number of enrolled studies has been added.

And, according to the advice from the editor, the Running title, Postal code, Conflict-of-interest statement, Data sharing statement, Core tip, and Comments have been added to the manuscript.

Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

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