

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 20071-Review.doc).

**Title:** Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin pathway signaling in human hepatocellular carcinoma

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Hepatology*

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 20071

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

First of all, we are really grateful to the reviewers by the suggestions. Changes were made to fulfill the requests. They appear highlighted in the text.

**Reviewer 5265**

A cartoon of the signaling pathway would make the overview even more attractive.

**Corresponding author**

We agree with the reviewer's suggestion and we have included a cartoon of the signaling pathway (page 6).

**Reviewer 5265**

Most mutations / deletions are located in the N-terminus of beta-catenin leading to a change in beta-catenin protein turnover after failure of phosphorylation (GSK3, CK1). May be this issue should also be mentioned.

**Corresponding author**

We agree with the reviewer's suggestion and we have included comment about this issue (3rd paragraph, page 7).

**Reviewer 1490296**

Please check English grammar and phrases; some expressions need to be re-phrased –

**Corresponding author**

We performed a new spelling, grammar and meaning reviews of the text's phrases.

**Reviewer 1490296**

The authors implemented incorrect references for their statement "Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) has a worldwide distribution, causing about 1 million deaths each year, and is the third leading cause of

cancer deaths [1,2]". These two given references are NOT the primary references for cancer statistics. Please implement the correct current reference(s) of adequate statistics.

**Corresponding author**

We have included the correct current reference of adequate statistics (Reference 1).

**To editor:**

- 1) We updated the primary references for cancer statistics according to International Agency on Cancer Research 2012;
- 2) We added information regarding location of Beta-catenin mutation;
- 3) We provided a cartoon of the signaling pathway;
- 4) We provided an Audio Core Tip;
- 5) As well as created subsections titles and added the postal code;
- 6) And also send you: language certificate, anti-plagiarism program certificate, Google Scholar title search, copyright assignment and conflict of interest statement.

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

Sincerely yours,

Jaques Waisberg