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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript in Word format (file name: 47714_revised_manuscript.doc)

Title: Role of Hepatocyte Nuclear Factor 4-Alpha (HNF4 α) in Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases

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Thank you very much for your kind e-mail, which gave us the possibility to revise our manuscript. We emended the paper according to the reviewers' comments. We hope this revision will make our manuscript better to be accepted in your journal.

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers, as well as the format has been updated. Changes are marked with vertical lines (red) in the right margin, and the updated references have highlighted.

We hope that the revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Thank you very much.

Reply to editorial comments:

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Answer: This has been done accordingly.

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Answer: This has been done accordingly.

Reply to reviewers' comments

Reviewer #1: Your article is very good. Congratulations.

We value these comments, thank you.

Reviewer #2: The paper offers an interesting analysis and their innovation and findings are well emphasized. There are some questions:

1. In page 13, "The Prognostic Utility of HNF4a" part should be updated.

Answer: We thank the reviewer for the suggestions. References have been updated (Also see page 9 and 14).

2. Legend of figure 4, the statistical values of the $*p<0.05$, $**p<0.001$ " proposed by the authors is not clearly explained.

Answer: We thank the reviewer for the this comment. The legend of figure 4 has been revised accordingly (See page 18 and 19).

Thank you for considering the review.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Daoud', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

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