

**Reply to Reviewers,**

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

We thank the editors and reviewers of the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology for their decision to conditionally accept and allow us to revise the manuscript. We are thankful to the opportunity of becoming members of the journal's family of authors. Indeed, the reviewer's comments helped in increasing the quality of the paper and enhancing the message we want to convey.

In what follows, we respond to the all the reviewer's comments in **red**.

Thank you again for your consideration!

**Reviewer 1:**

**Scientific Quality:** Grade B (Very good)

**Language Quality:** Grade A (Priority publishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (General priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:** 1. In 2nd page, line 7, We believe this will be a key -> We believe this will be a key....

*We would like to thank the honorable reviewer for this comment. We have amended the sentence accordingly to “We believe this will be a key factor in future cholangiocarcinoma and other gastrointestinal treatment plans, especially in patients where surgical resection is not a viable option.”*

**Reviewer 2:**

**Scientific Quality:** Grade B (Very good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (General priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:** The manuscript is well-written.

*We thank the honorable reviewer for the encouraging comments.*

**Science Editor:**

1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a letter to the editor of the use of Liquid biopsies in gastrointestinal cancers. The topic is within the scope of the WJGO. (1) Classification: Grade B and Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The manuscript is well-written. However, there is a question that needs to be revised, In 2nd page, line 7, We believe this will be a key -> We believe this will be a key..... The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered; (3) Format: There are 1 figure; (4) References: A total of 5 references are cited, including 4 references published in the last 3 years; and (5) Self-cited references: There is no self-cited reference; and (6) References recommendations: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by the peer reviewer(s), especially references published by the peer reviewer(s) him/herself (themselves). If the authors find the peer reviewer(s) request for the authors to cite improper references published by him/herself (themselves), please send the peer reviewer's ID number to [editorialoffice@wjgnet.com](mailto:editorialoffice@wjgnet.com). The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A and Grade B. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors need to provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited

manuscript. The topic has not previously been published in the WJGO. 5 Issues raised: (1) I found the authors did not provide the original figures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor. 6 Recommendation: Conditionally accepted.

We thank the honorable editor for taking the time to make a decision on our manuscript. We have amended the manuscript as per the reviewer's comments, added a PowerPoint file for the original figure, and adjusted the references accordingly.

I hope with these adjustments and revisions that the manuscript may be accepted, and we may join the journal's family of authors!