

Dear Editor,

Thank you for carefully reviewing our manuscript previously titled “A retrospective study for evaluating tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes in hepatocellular carcinoma using hematoxylin and eosin-stained tumor sections” for possible publication in the World Journal of Clinical Cases. We are grateful to you and your reviewers for their constructive critique. We have revised the manuscript and have attached point-by-point responses detailing how we have revised the manuscript in response to the reviewers' comments below.

**The following is a point-to point response to the two reviewers' comments.**

**Reviewer 1:**

**Reviewer's code:** 00724887

**Language quality:** Grade B: Minor language polishing

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The study is nicely done. I have few suggestions This sentence is not clear: polymorpho-nuclear leukocytes were excluded, and neutrophils were recorded. PDL1 images showing and tumour cell positivity and inflammatory cell positivity needs to be added.

**Answer to Reviewer 1:**

1. Thanks for your advice, we admitted that the original sentence was not expressed appropriately. The sentence “polymorpho-nuclear leukocytes were excluded, and neutrophils were recorded” was changed to “**polymorpho-nuclear leukocytes were excluded from the count of ILs, and neutrophils were recorded separately from the count of ILs**” (Line 12/13, paragraph 5 of [MATERIAL AND METHODS]).
2. Your suggestion is greatly appreciated. PDL1 images showing tumor cell positivity and inflammatory cell positivity was added in **Figure 4** and was presented in the line 3, paragraph 10 of [RESULTS].

3. Thanks for your comments. We have carefully polished the language of this manuscript based on the Guidelines and Requirements for manuscript revision and the manuscript had been polished by a professional English language editing company named AJE recommend by the Company editor-in-chief and the Non-Native Speakers of English Editing Certificate was obtained.

**Reviewer 2:**

**Reviewer's code:** 02719046

**Language quality:** Grade B: Minor language polishing

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this manuscript, the authors report a very interesting retrospective study for evaluating tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes in hepatocellular carcinoma using hematoxylin and eosin-stained tumor sections. This is a well-written manuscript and the authors have made a respectable effort This paper deserves to be published after minor English language editing.

**Answer to Reviewer 2:**

Thanks for your comments. We have carefully polished the language of this manuscript based on the Guidelines and Requirements for manuscript revision and the manuscript had been polished by a professional English language editing company named AJE recommend by the Company editor-in-chief and the Non-Native Speakers of English Editing Certificate was obtained.

Hopefully, we have made an appropriate revision based on the reviewers' comments.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further questions or recommendations.

We thank you wholeheartedly for your excellent work. Your kind assistance is greatly appreciated. We look forward to any future correspondence.

Yours Sincerely,

Yuan Ji