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Dear Prof. Dr. Lian-Sheng Ma,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a revised draft of our manuscript entitled "**Hepatocellular carcinoma and musculoskeletal system: narrative literature review**" by Jadzic J and Djonic D. to the **World Journal of Gastroenterology** (Manuscript No: 91380, Minireviews). We incorporated the changes suggested by the reviewers and editors to improve this manuscript and meet your journal's publishing quality standards. The changes within the manuscript are highlighted in yellow.

Here is a point-by-point list of responses to the reviewers' and editors' comments.

#### Reviewer 1:

**Comment 1:** *"This is a timely review that summarizes the HCC-associated musculoskeletal alterations. In my opinion, this manuscript can be accepted for publication after minor revision. By the way, the Figures are very nice. Minor suggestion, 1) The authors can introduce the recent therapeutic strategy about HCC [3-Bromopyruvate regulates the status of glycolysis and BCNU sensitivity in human hepatocellular carcinoma cells. Biochem. Pharmacol. 2020, 177, 113988.; Tumor Energy Metabolism and Potential of 3-Bromopyruvate as an Inhibitor of Aerobic Glycolysis: Implications in Tumor Treatment. Cancers 2019, 11(3), 317]"*

**Response:** Thank you for kindly suggesting that certain novel therapeutic strategies should be mentioned in our manuscript. We did our best to incorporate this comment into our manuscript (Page 11 of the revised manuscript).

#### Science editor:

**Comment 1:** *"Language evaluation: The English-language grammatical presentation needs to be improved to a certain extent. There are many errors in grammar and format, throughout the entire manuscript. Before final acceptance, the authors must provide the English Language Certificate issued by a professional English language editing company. Please visit the following website for the professional English language editing companies we recommend: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/gerinfo/240>."*

**Response:** Thank you for highlighting that our manuscript required further language editing. The revised manuscript was proofread by a recommended English-language editing company, as suggested. The English Language Certificate is submitted.

**Comment 2:** *"Please provide the filled conflict-of-interest disclosure form. "*

**Response:** Done as requested.

**Comment 3:** *"Please provide the Figures cited in the original manuscript in the form of PPT. All text can be edited, including A, B, arrows, etc. All legends are incorrectly formatted and require a general title and explanation for each figure. Such as Figure 1 title. A: ; B: ; C: ."*

**Response:** Done as suggested.

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**Response:** Thank you for highlighting the importance of figure copyright. However, the included figures are the original work of the authors (hand generated using vector graphic editor software) that have not previously been published in any journal article, and the figures are signed by the creator. We updated the figure formatting as requested.

**Comment 5:** *Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s).*

**Response:** Done as requested.

**Company editor-in-chief:**

**Comment 1:** *"I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors."*

**Response:** Thank you for these kind words. Following the reviewers' and editors' comments, we hope that the quality of the revised manuscript will meet high-quality standards for publishing in the World Journal of Gastroenterology. The suggested changes are highlighted in yellow.

We hope to hear from you at your convenience.

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