

## **Responses to reviewers for MS ID#64881**

Reviewer #1: "1 Title. Title is correct 2 Abstract. It is acceptable presented 3 Key words. key words reflect the focus of the manuscript 4 Background. Does the manuscript adequately describe the background, present status and significance of the study? 5 Methods. NA 6 Results. NA 7 Discussion. The manuscript presents a very nice and appropriately the state-of-the-art regarding the copy number variation (CNV) in chromosome 1q and the relevance in HCC. There is not so many manuscripts presenting this kind of revision which is certainly specific but quite useful to understand the subject. 8 Illustrations and tables. It would be great if every figure or table legend indicates the source, as in table 1 9 Biostatistics. NA 10 Units. NA 11 References. the manuscript cites appropriately the latest, important and authoritative references in the field 12 Quality of manuscript organization and presentation. the manuscript is well, concisely and coherently organized and presented."

**Our response: Point 8 requests more detail for the sources of the material shown in the Figures and Tables. We have added that information to the Legends for each of the Figures, and have expanded the text to the footnote for Table 2. We have also tried to clarify the main text on these points.**

From the Science Editor's comments: "Issues raised: (1) The authors did not provide original pictures. 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; and (2) If an author of a submission is re-using a figure or figures published elsewhere, or that is copyrighted, the author must provide documentation that the previous publisher or copyright holder has given permission for the figure to be re-published; and correctly indicating the reference source and copyrights."

**Our response: We have supplied a separate .ppt file containing the two figures. Unfortunately, these figures were generated using online tools and exist only as single images. None were published previously.**

**We thank reviewers/editors for their comments.**