# **RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS**

## **Reviewer 1**

HCC is an epidemic burden and remains highly and increasingly prevalent worldwide. The high mortality rates of HCC is largely due to the tendency of late diagnosis and the multifaceted, complex nature of the treatment. The authors presents the current technological and functional advancements in nanotheranostic technology for cancer in general, and then specifically explores the use of nanotheranostic modalities as a promising option to address the key challenges present in HCC management. The manuscript is well wroten, so I would suggest it publish in WJG if the authors can address the following concerns.

1. There are several grammatical mistake in it, a part of which are noted in the manuscript. The authors should carefully revise the manuscript.

Thank you for taking the time to review the manuscript and pointing out the errors. We have corrected these accordingly in the revised version of the manuscript. We have also performed additional revisions of the grammar and structure. The changes and corrections are indicated with red text within the manuscript.

2. The data in it are superficially described. The authors should add the informed data in it. 3. I suggest the authors should list the clinical trials about nanotheranostic modalities in treating HCC.

Thank you for your suggestions, we have elaborated the data further and have provided clinical trial modalities into the review, in pages 10-12. All additional elaborations are indicated with red text within the manuscript.

#### Reviewer 2

### Correct review of a topical issue

Thank you for taking the time to review the manuscript

#### **Reviewer 3**

Ladju RB et al. reviewed the potential role of nanotheranostics in HCC management. The manuscript is well organized and written. Minors: Page 3, in sentence "Worldwide, chronic hepatitis B and C infections account for 44% and 21% of HCC cases, respectively [16], with the highest number of Hepatitis B cases occuring in Asia.", why the first letter "H" in "Hepatitis B cases" is capitalized? Page 5, in sentence "Based on International guidelines, patients in late stage HCC (intermediate and advanced) can receive palliative treatments such as chemoembolization and systemic therapy," why the letter "I" in "International" is also capitalized?

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