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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2429-review.doc).

**Title:** Potential tumour suppressor PDSS2 as an unfavourable prognosis factor in hepatocellular carcinoma

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 、 Did HCCs used in this experiment have liver cirrhosis or chronic viral (HCV or HBV) hepatitis?

**Reply:** Most of them had liver cirrhosis and chronic HBV hepatitis, and a few of them had chronic HCV hepatitis, since the number of samples was not large enough, we did not found specific relationship between PDSS2 expression and those factors.

2、 Is there possibility that expression of PDSS2 affects inflammation in the target tissue?

**Reply:** It's a good suggestion, we found PDSS2 might affect inflammation, but there was no statistically significant, we'll enlarge our number of tissues.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,  
Wei Huang and Fei Gao