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Il Direttore

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Dear Editor,

I write on behalf of the authors of the paper entitled "Post-transplantation hepatocellular carcinoma recurrence: patterns and relation between vascularity and differentiation degree", accepted for publication in World Journal of Hepatology and sent for revision.

As the corresponding author Annarita Pecchi already stated in the cover letter of the first submission, we did not considered necessary to apply for a formal approval of the ethic committee. As a matter of fact, this observational retrospective study was only based on the revision of pathologic reports and imaging examinations performed in the last 8 years, and it has been carried out in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki (2000) of the World Medical Association.

All patients gave their verbal consent to the use of their data for scientific purposes at the moment of their admission to the Transplantation Department.

Sincerely,

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