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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13626-edited-review.doc).

Title: Recent advances in multidisciplinary management of hepatocellular carcinoma

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

(1) *The important role of antiviral therapy to prevent recurrence of HCC (HBV or HCV related).*

We thank the reviewer very much for highlighting this, and for his help with suggesting the references from the literature. We realize the importance of secondary prevention of HCC in a review like this, and noticed that this part was missing from the manuscript. We added a section in the manuscript re prevention of HCC recurrence by treating HBV and HCV.

(2) *The reference #140, is not complete.*

We thank the reviewer for highlighting this. We corrected the incomplete reference.

(3) *The authors have cited some old literatures and spent a large part in details to describe surgical resection, liver transplantation, local ablation, PEI, RFA, TACE, Radioembolization, et al. The authors should delete some parts of them (context and references) to make the manuscript concise.*

We thank the reviewer for his comment. Initially, we aimed at writing a comprehensive review about HCC management that includes the recent advances. However, and in accordance with the reviewer's advice, we deleted some parts of the manuscript context and some of the older references. We assume that we made it brief without compromising context, and that we highlighted the recent advances and the multidisciplinary approach to management.

(4) *The title of the manuscript is "..... multidisciplinary management of HCC". However, the authors did not focus on "multidisciplinary management". They only introduced each therapy, but not the combination of them, except for sorafenib and other anticancer drugs. The authors has mentioned that "It is crucial to manage HCC patients by a multidisciplinary team [10,11] which should include hepatologists..... All should play an active role and their expertise is required to provide optimal care for patients with HCC." What does multidisciplinary management mean?*

This valuable comment made us change the structure of the manuscript and add a section on multidisciplinary management of HCC. In this section we highlighted the concept of the multidisciplinary management and the multidisciplinary team. We moved all multi-modality therapeutic interventions to this section to show how the multi-disciplinary approach and multi-modality therapies are promising to change prognosis of HCC. We hope that this is in accordance with the reviewer's requirements.

(5) *There were numerous mistakes of spelling and punctuation. Several sentences are confusing. The*

reviewer could not understand the meaning. The authors should ask a native English speaker or an article editing service to check throughout the manuscript.

We thank the reviewer for this comment. We solicited one of the language editing service suggested by the journal, and had them correct the manuscript for language and grammar. The attached revised manuscript is the output of their editing after we revised the manuscript and incorporated all other comments and modifications. We attach a certificate from the language editing service.

(6) *The authors should consistently use either American English or British English. For instance, tumor or tumour.*

We thank the reviewer very much and we did throughout the manuscript. All initially missed words were corrected. This is also verified by the editing service.

(7) *Three-line table should be used.*

We thank the reviewer very much. This is corrected in the revised manuscript.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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