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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name:14603 revised.doc).

Title: LESSONS FROM RARE TUMORS: LYMPHOEPITELIOMA-LIKE HEPATIC CARCINOMAS

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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 reviewer

(02861159): Major comments: a) One picture of the histological features of LEL-HCC has been added (reprinted from Nemolato et al WJG 2008 with permission). b) The association of LEL-hepatic carcinomas with cirrhosis has been reported in the text and in table. 1 and has been underlined in the paragraph "Working Hypothesis". c) markers of stemness have been reported in table 2 and discussed in the paragraph "Working Hypothesis". d) Abstract has been re-written. e) Discussion has been extended.

(02860836): a) One picture of the histological features of LEL-HCC has been added (see above). b) The "The working hypothesis has been re-written in order to clarify mechanisms of lymphocyte recruitment in LEL-HCC and LEL-ICC in comparison to other types of LEL carcinomas, such as nasopharyngeal carcinoma and LEL gastric carcinoma. EBV status in LEL carcinomas has been reported in table 2. In addition, patterns of EBV latency and mechanisms of lymphoid recruitment have been detailed. The EBV latency pattern, and the relatively young age of many patients challenges the hypothesis of immunosenescence-related oncogenesis in LEL-ICC.

(00740600) The clinical features of LEL hepatic carcinomas have been described in the text and have been summarized in table. 1 and table. 2. One picture of the histological features of LEL-HCC has been added (see above).

3 References and typesetting were corrected. We have highlighted all changes of this revised draft.

The manuscript has been edited by the NPG Language Editing Company.

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

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