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The authors thank editors and reviewers for their hard work and precious suggestions.

Response to Editor Comments

Please note that the first author is: Sirio Fiorino. The name appeared in the main manuscript but I do not find my name in list of the author in the online submission manuscript details.

1. PLEASE REVISE YOUR MANUSCRIPT ACCORDING TO THE REVIEWERS COMMENTS.

Manuscript has been revised according to reviewers suggestion (see below “Answers to Reviewers”)

2. PLEASE UPDATE THE MANUSCRIPT ACCORDING TO THE GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR MANUSCRIPT REVISION-SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS.

Manuscript has been updated according to guidelines and requirements for “systematic reviews”

3. PLEASE PROVIDE AN AUDIO CORE TIP.

An audio core tip has been performed and submitted

4. PLEASE SUBJECT THE MANUSCRIPT TO /CROSSCHECK/ ANALYSIS AND THE FINAL TITLE TO GOOGLE SCHOLAR SEARCH, AND STORE SCREENSHOT IMAGES OF THE RESULTS.

Our Institution is not subscribed to Crossref, for this reason we are not able to perform a check using this program.

The final title has been checked using GoogleScholar (see attached screenshot)

The screenshot shows a Google Scholar search page. The search query is "POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN HCV AND MALIGNANCIES DIFFERENT FROM HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW". The results page shows several articles, with the top one being a systematic review. The search results are filtered to show articles from 2011 onwards. The top result is "Accuracy of ultrasonography, spiral CT, magnetic resonance, and alpha-fetoprotein in diagnosing hepatocellular carcinoma: a systematic review" by Colli M, Fraquelli G, Casazza S, Massironi S, et al. (2006). The second result is "Hepatocellular carcinoma: epidemiology and molecular carcinogenesis" by El-Serag HB, Rudolph KL (2007). The third result is "Epidemiology of viral hepatitis and hepatocellular carcinoma" by El-Serag HB (2012). The search results are sorted by relevance.

5. PLEASE SIGN THE COPYRIGHT ASSIGNMENT FORM.

The Copyright Assignment form has been signed and submitted

RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Reviewer 1

Dear all, the paper is very interesting, the data analysis is very accurate as well as the pathophysiological study, however the second part of this work needs a more accurate description of citations.

It is not completely clear what “second part” refers. However to provide a more accurate description of this paper, a new paragraph “Comments” has been added after discussion section

Reviewer 2

This is a comprehensive review for the possible association of HCV infection with non-hepatocellular carcinoma.

Several comments: 1. It is a review article. However, it reads more like a research paper. Authors gave too much emphasis on the technicality for searching and collecting the data. If possible, make the Materials and Methods section more concise.

Material and Methods section has been shortened. Additional information has been added in “Supplementary Material and Methods”.

2. When gender is mentioned in figures, please use either “male/female” or “men/women”, not mixed “men/female”.

Figures have been edited according to reviewer’s suggestion.

3. Tables 1 to 7: There is too much information condensed in the tables, particularly table 1. It is very hard to read. Suggest to delete unessential information such as the date /journal of publications (can be listed in the reference), country and, and type of HCV tests (or listed it as the supplemental data).

Table 1a. “Country”, “Type of HCV Test”, “Matching factors” columns have been removed. These details have been moved in supplementary Results (Supp. Table 1).

Table 1c. “Journal/Publication” column has been removed

Table 2a. “Country” and “Matching factors” columns have been removed. These details have been moved in supplementary Results (Supp. Table 2).

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Table 5a. “Country” and “Matching factors” columns have been removed. These details have been moved in supplementary Results (Supp. Table 5).

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Table 7a. “Country” and “Matching factors” columns have been removed. These details have been moved in supplementary Results (Supp. Table 7).