

Dear, Editor-in-Chief

Please find the original manuscript entitled “**Association between hepatocellular carcinoma and tumor necrosis factor alpha polymorphisms in Korea**” to be considered for publication in **World Journal of Gastroenterology**.

We genotyped five single nucleotide polymorphisms (TNF- α -1031T>C, -863C>A, -857C>T, -308G>A, and -238G>A) in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) patients and control subjects. We observed that none of the TNF- α polymorphisms was significantly associated with HCC. However, a number of genotype combinations and some haplotypes had association with HCC. In addition, HCC Okuda stage III cases with the TNF- α -1031 TT genotype had a better prognosis than those with the CC genotype.

And, we added three supplemental Tables (1-3) only for review for stratified analysis according to age and gender, and a figure (1) to show Cox curve for survival for TNF- α -1031 T>C genotypes in HCC Okuda stage III case.

This manuscript has not been published in part and is not being presented for publication elsewhere. All co-authors have agreed to submit this manuscript to your journal, **World Journal of Gastroenterology**. All authors declare no conflict of interest. We look forward to hearing from you.

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