

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 23235-review.doc).

Title: Evaluation of Oncogenic Wnt3a Expression as an Estimable Prognostic Marker for HBV-related Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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

The comments of Reviewers:

The research outputs by the authors are well presented and I enjoyed reading the article although being a retrospective study. The discovery by the authors would invite interest into this molecular biomarker in HCC. **A few suggestions:**

We have revised carefully our manuscript with colored text (Red). The following is a detailed list of response to all comments and criticisms, and changes the authors have been made.

1. The clinical data of HCC patient would better be presented in a table and I would like the author to show how the flow of procuring the patients and tissue sample for the study. Were there any exclusion?

The clinical data of HCC patient have been shown in Table 1. The patient cohort inclusion and exclusion criteria included (a) accurate pathologic diagnosis of primary HCC, (b) complete clinicopathologic and follow-up data, (c) previously untreated and with surgery as the first treatment. The clinical data of HCC patient have been presented in **table 1**, and the inclusion and exclusion criteria have been added in the manuscript.

2. Statistical analysis did not show sample size calculation and can the author include it?

They have been added. Sample size calculation has been involved in the part of statistical analysis.

3. There is no discussion on the limitation of the study faced by the author. Can the author comment?

It has been added. Discussion on the limitation of the study has been done in the penultimate paragraph.

4. Some minor to moderate language polishing is required. Can I suggest that the article be proof read?

They have been corrected and language has been polished.

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

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