

REVIEWER'S COMMENTS:

Reviewer n<sup>o</sup>1.

Reviewer Name: Anonymous

Review Date: 2017-11-02 12:37

Comments To Authors: In this impressive study a longitudinal cohort study was conducted by 14 regional hospitals in Argentina from 2009 to 2016 and the etiology of HCC was studied.

They observed a growing incidence of NAFLD-HCC which is typical of US and Europe and should be taken into account.

The study is thorough and deserves publication provided that the authors check the English language and graphs should be improved and at least coloured.

Classification: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Evaluation: Grade A: priority publishing

Conclusion: Accept

Comments To Authors(File):

**Response: We thank for the reviewer's comment. We have edited and checked the English once again. Figures were improved and submitted as TIFF.**

Reviewer n<sup>o</sup>2.

Reviewer Name: Anonymous

Review Date: 2017-11-15 08:56

Comments To Authors: This excellent retrospective cohort study has perfectly gone through the current knowledge about any changing trends in the etiologies of HCC in Argentina during the last years, and discussed future perspective.

The manuscript comprehensively reviewed key articles addressed on this issue and well organized them. It was appropriately subdivided in sub-titles. The figure and the table are impressive.

Classification: Grade B (Very good)  
Language  
Evaluation: Grade B: minor language polishing  
Conclusion: Minor revision  
Comments To Authors(File):

**Response: We thank for the reviewer's comment. We have edited and checked the English once again as suggested. All changes were highlighted.**

Reviewer n° 3.

Reviewer Name: Anonymous  
Review Date: 2017-11-02 06:59

Comments To Authors: 1) The longitudinal cohort study was conducted by 14 regional hospitals starting in 2009 through 2016. The results indicated that NAFLD might be the leading HCC cause in the next years, becoming an important Public Health issue. It is interesting study and new health warning for HCC in the next years. 2) The results are convincing and reliable although the study occurs some limitations of cohort studies. 3) I suggest that the manuscript can be published in the form of Retrospective Cohort Study in World J. Hepatology.

Classification: Grade C (Good)  
Language  
Evaluation: Grade B: minor language polishing  
Conclusion: Accept

Comments To Authors(File):

**Response: We thank for the reviewer's comment. We have edited and checked the English once again.**

We have answered and made corrections according to the Editor's suggestions and each reviewer, which are highlighted in the manuscript. We have carefully answered and included all the suggestions made the best we could. We believe this report to be novel, interesting and appropriate subject matter to the readership of *World Journal of Hepatology*.

All the authors have contributed to and agreed on the content of the manuscript. The manuscript has not been published previously in any language, in whole or in part and is not currently under consideration elsewhere.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Federico Piñero, Josefina Pages and Marcelo Silva on behalf of all co-authors.