

Response to Reviewers

To

The Editor (s),
World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Dear Sir / Ma'am,

I would like to thank reviewers and editorial board to provide suggestions to improve the quality of the invited manuscript (ID: 02936702) titled "**Pediatric Hepatocellular carcinoma**". I state on behalf of both co-authors that the manuscript has not previously been published or submitted with any overlapping information, including studies and patients, and is not under consideration anywhere else for publication. It will not be submitted to any other journal while it is under consideration by the World Journal of Gastroenterology. There is no conflict of interest to disclose in context to this manuscript. I also state that each author has personally seen and verified the submission of this version of the manuscript and takes full responsibility for it. The following is a point-wise response to the Reviewer's and Editor's comments.

Comments of Reviewer 1 (ID 0007056): The incidence of pediatric hepatocellular carcinoma is relatively low and rare, and the relevant researches and clinical patient's data are insufficient, so the clinical doctor's knowledge regarding the pediatric hepatocellular carcinoma is deficient and incomplete. The author depicts the risk factors, diagnostic biomarkers, imaging diagnostic tools, treatment options, outcome of children and surveillance strategies with pediatric hepatocellular carcinoma. Therefore, this review is meaningful and of great importance, having a great clinical guiding significance for clinical work and further researches in the future. But there are some minor problems with typesetting and language spelling that need to be corrected.

Response to Reviewer 1: Language and typesetting errors corrected.

Comments of Reviewer 2 (ID 02541391): This paper reviews epidemiology, risk factors, diagnosis, histologic findings and treatment options in pediatric hepatocellular carcinoma. The title reflects the major topic as well as the contents of the manuscript. The structure, dense with information but also readable, is well organized. The article is suitable for publication after deeply revising the language and grammar.

Response to Reviewer 2: Corrections done in the grammar at appropriate places.

Comments of Reviewer 3 (ID 03473431) with Responses: there are some points to be answered

- 1) Authors cite only the AASLD recommendations :it should be useful that also Asian-Pacific, Japan Korean and Hong Kong practice guidelines are considered and discussed expatiately for resection indications. **Other guidelines e.g. APASL, Japan and Hong Kong guidelines included in the management part of the manuscript.**

- 2) A point that authors should report and discuss is the volume of HCC lesions encountered in the pediatric population compared to adults: this implies obviously the choice of treatment. **We discussed about the importance of the size and number of tumor which is taken into consideration in most of these guidelines.**
- 3) Authors should report and discuss the role of contrast enhanced ultrasound(CEUS) in diagnosis of HCC lesions in the pediatric population even if this modality is not yet approved everywhere in children. **The usage and application of CEUS in children discussed in the imaging section.**

Other corrections: References format changed to the superscript form. Complete references added including doi and PMID number.

I hope that the changes done in the manuscript will answer all the queries raised. I will be happy to hear any other suggestion by the reviewers.

Thanks

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