

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastroenterology

**Manuscript NO:** 48664

**Title:** Hepatocellular carcinoma and metabolic syndrome: The times are changing and so should we

**Reviewer's code:** 02811953

**Reviewer's country:** United States

**Science editor:** Jia-Ping Yan

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	Peer-Review:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
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			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript (Manuscript NO: 48664) entitled "Hepatocellular Carcinoma and Metabolic Syndrome: the times are changing and so should we!" is an editorial by Georgios Tsoulfas. The author explored the interconnection of metabolic diseases and



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how they are linked to hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). Main comments 1. A general impression that this manuscript has a many long paragraphs with multiple points discussed. For example, the second sentence (the one after CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF HCC) is too long. It may be better to separate it into defining the terms and epidemiology of NAFLD. 2. Some additional editing is needed. For example, the last sentence on page 7, it should be "The main explanation .... Is...", not "... are...".

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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The author described the importance of changing the mindset of approaching to the NASH/NAFLD in the hepatologist. The contents are clearly and well-described and should be considered for the publication as its current form.



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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a very well written Editorial paper concerning the up to date overview about interconnection of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), metabolic syndrome, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). The author



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underlines the importance of changing the mindset of how to approach cirrhosis and HCC in point of view of their predominant causes and earlier prevention and changing the treatment focus of intervention for cirrhosis and HCC. The author plays special attention to recognizing the importance of obesity, metabolic syndrome, NAFLD and NASH and their combined role in progression of fibrosis, cirrhosis and HCC.

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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This interesting and well-written review addresses the use of immunotherapy in HCC patients and, in particular, describes mechanisms and clinical features of NASH and Metabolic Syndrome. I have a few of suggestions for the authors: - The review is focused



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more on NASH and Metabolic Syndrome than HCC, I would suggest a change in the title - External beam radiotherapy is under investigation. So far there is no robust evidence to support this therapeutic approach in the management of HCC. I would suggest to avoid mention it or at least clarify (Page 4) - a figure would help

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