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To the Editor of

The World Journal of Gastroenterology

Re: Invited manuscript n. 65274 (Surveillance for hepatocellular carcinoma at the community level: easier said than done).

Dear Sir,

thank you for your interest in your article and for your preliminary decision. We are submitting a revised version of the paper according to the Editor's suggestions and reviewers' comments. Specifically:

1) We changed Ref.1 with the newer reference suggested by reviewer 1 (Sung WH et al) and we changed the text according to the new reference.

2) We added 5 paragraphs to the section entitled "FAILURE TO USE THE APPROPRIATE SURVEILLANCE TOOL" according to the suggestion of reviewer 1. The paragraphs separately describe the diagnostic methods of surveillance – i.e liver ultrasound, CT scan and MRI, contrast enhanced ultrasound, alpha-fetoprotein and new biochemical markers.

3) We polished the English text by means of the application Google-Grammarly and also had the final text revised by a native English speaker (C.M).

4) We formatted both text and references according to the template downloaded from the Journal site and added PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the references, when available.

5) We checked the references for self-citations and found 3 self-cited references (number 7,18 and 21) which is below the maximum 10% allowed.

6) We separated the two figures and table from the text and provided them separately in Power Point or Word format, as required.

In the end we also wish to thank both reviewers for appreciating our paper and for their useful comments.

Best Regards

Paolo Del Poggio (on behalf of all the authors)