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Professors Florin Burada and Rosa Rodriguez, A/Professor Monjur Ahmed Editors-in-Chief World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology

Dear Professor Burada, Professor Rodigruez, and A/Professor Ahmed,

Many thanks for considering our original manuscript 'Hepatocellular carcinoma surveillance and quantile regression for determinants of underutilisation in at-risk Australian patients' for publication in *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology*.

This letter is to confirm that signed consent forms were not required from patients included in this study according to our institution's ethics board.

Sincerely,

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