

Dear Editor,

We have recently submitted an invited manuscript (ID 75781 - "Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease-related hepatocellular carcinoma: is there a role for immunotherapy?") in order to be appreciated for publication in your prestigious journal. Now, we would like to resubmit it after answering to the reviewers' comments (see below).

We would like to thank the reviewers for their evaluation of our work. We hope that, after considering our answers and changes in the manuscript, you will find it suitable for publication in its present form.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Angelo Z. Mattos

Response to reviewers' comments:

Dear Reviewer 1,

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript. We are very glad that you were satisfied with our article.

Dear Reviewer 2,

Thank you very much for your comments on our paper. Your suggestions were highly relevant and certainly allowed us to greatly improve our manuscript.

The following are the responses to your comments:

Comment 1 - Thank you very much for your comment. We have added the opinion of the authors by the end of both the Abstract (page 4, lines 22-24) and the Core Tip (page 5, line 9).

Comment 2 - Thank you for your comment. We have now made it clear that those figures are estimates (page 6, line 10).

Comments 3 and 4 – Thank you for your comment. We have added a table summarizing the most important randomized controlled trials mentioned in the article (page 7, lines 3-5, and pages 38 and 39).

Comment 5 – Thank you for your comment. We have made the requested changes to the figure (pages 36 and 37).

Once more, we would like to deeply thank you for reviewing our paper. We hope that you will now consider our manuscript suitable for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Sincerely yours,

Angelo Z. Mattos