

REPLY TO THE REVIEWERS' COMMENTS

The authors of the manuscript entitled: "Tumor microenvironment in primary liver tumors: A challenging role of natural killer cells" have revised the review according to the comments of the Reviewer. They would like to thank the Editors and Reviewer of **World Journal of Gastroenterology** for the effort and time dedicated to provide a feedback for their manuscript. They sincerely appreciate the suggestions and comments, which helped to improve the quality of their paper. Please find the changes in the revised version of the manuscript in **bold purple**.

Reviewer #1: *No details on paper selection process for this review: the authors must explain how they selected their references. globally this article is very interesting, very clear, very easy to read.*

Reply: We thank the Reviewer for the positive comments.

With regards of the reference selection please note that the manuscript has been revised in order to specify our reference selection method by adding a new paragraph in the Introduction and the changes have been made also in the Abstract.

"For doing that, a comprehensive literature search was conducted using PubMed to identify relevant articles published between 2000 and 2020. The search was limited to articles in English, and was further broadened by extensive cross-checking of all the references in the articles retrieved to identify eventual additional non-indexed literature."

Editorial Office's: *I found no "Author contribution" section. Please provide the author contributions*

Reply: We thank you for pointing this out. According to this note, we have added the author contributions section

I found the authors did not provide the original figures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor

Reply: All the figures were revised to provide the original ones in PowerPoint format.