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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed our edited manuscript in Word document format (file name: 7020-review.doc).

Title: Prognostic and Clinicopathological Significance of Glypican-3 Overexpression in Hepatocellular Carcinoma: A Meta-Analysis

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the reviewers, as follows:

1 The department name and fax number have been added.

2 Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

(1) The study published in Chinese that did not have a PMID or DOI was excluded from this meta-analysis.

(2) The data that reflected the impact of GPC3 expression on overall survival and disease-free survival in HCC were recalculated using RevMan 5.2 software and updated in the article. The corresponding figures have been changed.

(3) The data from Egger's test that reflected the publication bias were recalculated using Stata 10.0 software and updated in the article. The corresponding figures have been changed.

(4) To meet the requirement of the journal for the image size, we combined figures 2 and 3, figures 4 and 5, figures 6 and 7 into three new figures. The corresponding figure legends were changed.

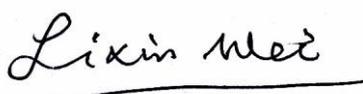
3 We have added a discussion about the application of GPC3 in the treatment of HCC.

4 COMMENTS were added to the end of the article according to the writing requirements.

5 During the literature search, we included eligible articles as comprehensively as possible. A study that investigated the prognostic value of GPC3 in HCC patients from Western countries and met our inclusion criteria was not found. Further studies including patients from Western countries are needed to explore the prognostic significance of GPC3 in HCC more comprehensively.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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