

Response to Reviewers and Editors

Dear Reviewers and Editors,

Many thanks for your valuable comments regarding our review article entitled “Pathologic and molecular features of Hepatocellular carcinoma. An update”. We appreciate your interest and valuable time spent in going through our article. We have now revised our manuscript taking in to account the comments, critiques and questions highlighted in your reviews. We believe that the revised manuscript now reads well and fulfils the requirements for publication in World journal of Hepatology. If you have any further queries or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

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Julien Calderaro

Reviewer comments

Reviewer #1: This Minireview is interesting. And the authors should add necessary figures to simplify the complexity of the text, so that the readers have a more intuitive understanding of the content of this paper.

Authors Response

A new figure and a table have been added in the manuscript

Reviewer #2: This is a good review. But, I found some confusions in the paper. Firstly, some Figure should be add some indicators, such Hyaline globules, multinodular HCC in grossing, and vascular invasion, because the journal faces to some clinicians.

Authors Response

We have added arrows in our gross images of HCC, hyaline globules, and vascular invasion.

Reviewer comments

"Para. 2 in Pathology of Precancerous lesions and Conventional HCC " undifferentiated type is not a grade of HCC in 2019 WHO, so it should be revised.

We have revised the WHO grading system in the manuscript and have added the following.

The WHO grading system is based on a combination of cytological features and differentiation and further grades the tumour into well, moderately, and poorly differentiated types. Primary hepatic undifferentiated carcinoma is not including in the WHO grading system as it shows no evidence of either hepatic or biliary differentiation.

Reviewer comments

"Para. 1 in Macrotrabecular massive (MTM-HCC)" the definition of MTM-HCC should be more than 9 cells thick in 2019 WHO.

Dear sir, we have added the following line in the manuscript-Most trabeculae in MTM-HCC are ≥ 10 cells thick.