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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8452-review.doc).

**Title** Bone metastases: when and how lung cancer interact with bone

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) "In the section of introduction, 41% of patients developing bone metastasis during the course of the disease. However, in the section of serum markers for the early detection of lung cancer bone metastases it was described that the early diagnosis of NSCLC is difficult, and 30-40% of patients with NSCLC develop bone metastases during the course of their disease. The latter sentence should be described in the section of introduction with reference number" The correction suggested has been done

(2) Minor revisions have been done

(3) I fully agree with the reviewer on the fact that a table summarizing the biomarker could be useful, but the few works available on literature, which I reported in the review, utilize different parameters to evaluate the biomarkers and often they do not report sensitivity or specificity, thus I can't create a table.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ilaria Roato'.

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