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Dear Editors-in-Chief,

Below please find a point-to-point response to the revisors' comments on our manuscript entitled "**Nutritional therapy for hepatocellular carcinoma**" for its consideration for publication in World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

This work is part of an invitation to submit a review article World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology in 2021 (ID 04105237).

We declare that there are no reasons for deviations or any potential conflicts related to the nature of the manuscript. This manuscript has not been published previously and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. Also, we declare all included authors have read and approved the final version of the manuscript.

The full name, address, e-mail address, phone, and fax number of the corresponding author is found below. We have added to the system a Co-corresponding author, which is Astrid Ruiz Margáin BSc, MSc, PhD, Assistant Professor.

We greatly appreciate the consideration of our work in your journal. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. In case of acceptance of the manuscript the copyright is transferred to World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

Best regards,

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Reviewer #1:

Please revise the entire manuscript for the correct use of abbreviations. Some rules must be observed: they should be defined upon first mention in both the abstract and the main text; as a rule, if an abbreviation is not going to be used more than three times just write the full name. - Please revise grammar, spelling, and word usage throughout the manuscript. Several related problems even compromise the logical sequence of sentences. - Whilst ideas are presented in a logical order and one can transition between ideas, the paragraphs throughout the text need further improvement. Please give an overview of the paragraph and follow with details. Some paragraphs are too short in the current version. - Abbreviations used in Table 2 must be defined. - On page 10, please revise the sentence 'which uses injection of a chemotherapeutic agent into the hepatic artery, followed by obstruction of the hepatic artery'. It is more appropriate to specify that the procedures must target the tumour-feeding artery. Obstruction of the hepatic artery itself can be disastrous.

Response: We greatly appreciate your comments and suggestions to improve our manuscript.

- a. The abbreviations were changed in the format suggested by the reviewer.
- b. The full manuscript was thoroughly revised and grammar and spelling was improved. In addition to this, as suggested, we added more information to facilitate reading and keep a logical sequence of the data. Two figures complementing the manuscript were included in the final version in order to summarize and further clarify the ideas presented in the manuscript.
- c. Abbreviation definitions were added to table 2.
- d. The sentence on page 10 was changed as suggested by the reviewer.

Reviewer #2

Rodriguez, et al., reviewed the nutritional therapy for HCC, which is different from the common treatments, and I think this manuscript could attract interests from life science, medical science and translational medical science. Therefore, after some revision of language errors, I suggest the acceptance for this manuscript.

Response: We deeply appreciate the comments of the reviewer; we have made a thorough revision and corrected typos and language errors.