

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

We thank a lot for your comments and suggestions on our manuscript entitled "Exosomal miRNA in early-stage hepatocellular carcinoma"(Manuscript NO: 81089).

We have read the reviewers' comments carefully and tried our best to revise our manuscript according to the comments.

Thanks again of your hard work.

Response to the comments of Reviewer #1: This manuscript summarizes the relationship between RNA and HCC and Exosomal miRNA in HCC. Authors reveals the feasibility of using miRNAs in peripheral blood exosomes as early diagnostic tools for HCC. In general, this review has a certain value in helping readers understand exosomal miRNA preliminarily.

Answer: Thanks for your positive comments.

Response to the comments of Reviewer #2: Dear Authors, Please find my suggestions in the attached revised manuscript.

Answer: Thanks for your suggestions, and we have revised our manuscript according to yours comments highlight in red.

Response to the comments of Reviewer #3: 1. The Introduction recommendations are appropriately reduced to highlight the lack of effective early diagnostic markers for liver cancer; 2. This article focuses on the possibility of exosome miRNA as a diagnostic marker. It is suggested to increase the discussion in this aspect and use graphs or tables to express it more clearly; 3. The second paragraph of the introduction is too long that it can be divided into two; 4. The purpose of review is to discuss the

feasibility of using miRNAs in peripheral blood exosomes as early diagnostic tools for HCC. but only the relevant studies on the diagnosis of exosome mRNA in early liver cancer are mainly described, and there are no excessive reports on the defects and deficiencies of miRNAs; 5. There are few references in the past five years, which can't reflect the pioneering nature of the study;

Answer 1 and 2: Thanks for your suggestion. We have made some changes to the introduction according to your suggestion and Reviewer #2.

Answer 3: Thanks for your suggestion. We have divided the second paragraph of the introduction.

Answer 4: So far, there are few related studies on the diagnosis of exosome mRNA in early liver cancer, and that will be the focus of future research.

Answer 5: We have added some references in the past five years.