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Re.: MS. 19904

Dear Editor,

Thank you and the reviewers for your careful consideration of our review article manuscript 19904, entitled “Glypican-3 is a prognostic factor and an immunotherapeutic target in hepatocellular carcinoma”. The detailed review of this manuscript is appreciated, and we have attempted to revise the manuscript according to the reviewers’ suggestions.

We believe the manuscript has been improved satisfactorily according to the reviewers’ comments and hope it is now suitable for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology.

This is an invited review article.
My author ID is 02098516.

Thank you for your consideration of the revised version.

Best regards,
Sincerely yours,

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Authors' reply to the reviewer # 02936084

(Comment)

Manuscript titled "Glypican-3 is a prognostic factor and an immunotherapeutic target in hepatocellular carcinoma by Haruyama et al. - The authors discussed the prognostic role and the therapeutic target of Glypican-3 in hepatocellular carcinoma. In spite that this idea was previously discussed even in very recent met analysis studies, the authors write very organized review article. The titles of different parts of the review are very confirmative. The language is excellent. The part of GPC3-targeting immunotherapy is very organized and informative. But I think that the illustrations are not enough eg. there is no figure to demonstrate the complex between GPC3 with Wnt/ β -catenin. Also the role of glypican in the progression of HCC must be supplemented with some figures. I recommend to accept this review article after adding these figures.

(Our response)

Thank you very much for your favorable comment.

In accordance with your suggestion, we have added one figure (Figure 2) in the revised version, which demonstrates the complex between GPC3 with Wnt/ β -catenin and other roles on HCC cell surface.

Authors' reply to the reviewer # 02439915

(Comment)

This is a more comprehensive and interesting literature review. The content is novel and the evidence is sufficient.

1. The third part of the review on GPC3 immunohistochemistry is no new content, it is recommended to reduce the number of words.

(Our response)

Thank you very much for your favorable comment.

In accordance with your suggestion, we have reduced the number of words of the third part of the manuscript (521 words → 456 words).

Authors' reply to the reviewer # 00036318

(Comment)

This is a comprehensive review of the potential role of glypican-3 as a diagnostic marker, a prognostic factor and an immunotherapeutic target in hepatocellular carcinoma. The review is well-structured, updated and covers all aspects of the topic.

(Our response)

Thank you very much for your favorable comment.