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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: R1-5944-review.doc)

Title: Non-coding RNAs in Hepatitis C-induced Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Dysregulation and Implications for Early Detection, Diagnosis and Therapy

Author: Weihong Hou, Herbert L. Bonkovsky

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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We would like to thank you for your letter dated October 16, 2013, and the reviewers for the positive assessment of our manuscript.

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

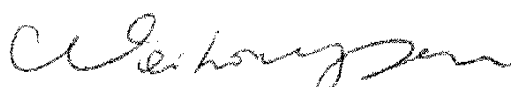
1. Format has been updated.
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.
 - (1) As suggested by the reviewer #1, we have added a figure to the revised manuscript.
3. References and typesetting were corrected.
4. This review article is written and revised by Weihong Hou and Herbert L. Bonkovsky. Dr. Bonkovsky is a native English speaker and senior investigator. He has edited and redacted the manuscript carefully, and certified that the English grammar and syntax are of the highest quality. Please refer to attached letter of certification.
5. Changes made in the revised manuscript have been highlighted in red.

We hope that you will find the revision and these replies to the reviewers to be satisfactory, and that the revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication.

Again, thank you for the invitation to write a review article for the special issue celebrating the 20th anniversary of *the World Journal of Gastroenterology* (II: Hepatitis C virus review: Pathogenesis, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and evidence-based medicine). Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

If you have any remaining concerns, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Weihong Hou', is written below the text 'Sincerely yours,'.

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Editor, World J of Gastroenterology

Re: Hou and Bonkovsky-invited review: Non-coding RNAs in Hepatitis C-induced Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Dysregulation and Implications for Early Detection, Diagnosis and Therapy

Dear Editor:

I am a native American; my first language is American English. I also am a senior investigator, editor, and scientist. I hereby certify that I have edited and redacted our manuscript with care, and I certify that the English grammar and syntax are of the highest quality.

If you have any concerns about this, please call or email me.

Yours truly,

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