

Response to Reviewers' comments

Comments:

Comment 1: In the present study, the efficacy of cellular immunotherapy, involving DCs and/or CIKs, combined with conventional clinical therapy in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma was evaluated by a meta-analysis. Based on their result, the authors claim that the application of immunotherapy with DCs, CIKs and DCs/CIK in addition to various routine HCC treatments could evidently improve patients' prognosis by increasing OS and reducing recurrence. The data is well summarized and the manuscript is well written. There is no doubt that the authors spare no effort in this work. This is a well-written paper containing interesting results which merit publication.

Comment 2: This meta-analysis showed that immunotherapy improved the outcomes of HCC-patients after conventional treatment including TACE, surgery and local ablation. This study will provides the useful infomation to hepatologist and hepato^biliary surgeons. Basically, this manuscirpt is acceptable in this form.

Reply: We sincerely thank the Reviewers and Editor for their important comments. We have accordingly modified our text.