

Editor in Chief, World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your kind letter and for reviewers' constructive comments concerning our article (Manuscript No.:65680). These comments are all valuable and helpful for improving our article. All the authors have seriously discussed about all these comments. According to the reviewer and editors' comments, we have tried best to modify our manuscript to meet with the requirements of your journal. In this revised version, changes to our manuscript within the document were all highlighted by using red colored text. Point-by-point responses to the reviewers are listed below this letter. If there are any other modifications we could make, we would like very much to modify them, and we really appreciate your help.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: In this article authors review the current situation of HCC in Egypt, including epidemiological aspects and relevant risk factors. They highlight the relevant risk factors from HCV, HBV, environmental toxins, NAFLD, lifestyle factors, obesity, genetic factors and the preventive measures in Egypt. The summary of the article is comprehensive, and the information is large. So, I agree to accept it.

Response: On behalf of all the contributing authors, I would like to express our sincere appreciations of your letter and the constructive comments concerning our article.

#### LANGUAGE QUALITY

Please resolve all language issues in the manuscript based on the peer review report. Please be sure to have a native-English speaker edit the manuscript for grammar, sentence structure,

word usage, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, format, and general readability, so that the manuscript's language will meet our direct publishing needs.

Response: Thanks for the comment. The article benefited from native English revisions and editing by enago. The certificate for the revision is submitted with this revision.

#### EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS

Authors must revise the manuscript according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions, which are listed below:

(1) Science editor: 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a review of the unique situation of hepatocellular carcinoma in Egypt. The topic is within the scope of the WJGO. (1) Classification: Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The authors review the current situation of HCC in Egypt, including epidemiological aspects and relevant risk factors. The summary of the article is comprehensive, and the information is large; and (3) Format: There are no tables and figures. (4) References: A total of 183 references are cited, including 19 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There are 4 self-cited references. The self-referencing rates should be less than 10%. Please keep the reasonable self-citations that are closely related to the topic of the manuscript, and remove other improper self-citations. If the authors fail to address the critical issue of self-citation, the editing process of this manuscript will be terminated; and (6) References recommend: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by peer reviewer(s), especially the references published by the peer reviewer(s) themselves. If the authors found the peer reviewer(s) request the authors to cite improper references published by themselves, please send the peer reviewer's ID number to the editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. A language editing certificate issued by enago was provided.

3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJGO. 5 Issues raised: The authors should add some figures or tables. 6 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Response: Thank you sir for your positive comments and valuable suggestions to improve the quality of our manuscript. We have responded specifically to each suggestion below:

- One of the self-citations was removed and replaced with another reference (Ref. number 139). The remaining self-citations 3/180 are really important in the context of the manuscript.
- One table was added (table 1) to present a comprehensive summary of studies discussing the results of different treatment modalities for HCC in Egypt.
- Also, a figure was added to show the geographical variation in HCC incidence in upper, middle, and lower Egypt (figure 1).

(3) Company editor-in-chief: I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

Response: We feel great thanks for your professional review work on our article. It is with excitement that I resubmit to you a revised version of manuscript.