

Dear Editor,

Thank you for reconsidering our manuscript. In the present rebuttal letter, we replied to the reviewer point by point, implementing the manuscript according to the comments received. We are going to submit the revised manuscript.

We hope that our work is now suitable for publication in *World Journal of Nephrology* in its current form and we are grateful for your valuable collaboration.

Yours faithfully

Melissa Bersanelli on behalf of all Coauthors

Reviewer's comments

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Reply: We are grateful to the Reviewer for such an excellent evaluation about our work.

1) A well written article, including two tables collecting most previous studies on the virus-renal cancer relationship; however, the studies in the tables should be ordered according to the year of publishing.

Reply: We are grateful to the Reviewer for his/her positive comments, and we agree about the correct order of the studies in the Tables basing on the year of publishing. We have now reordered the studies in the Tables in chronological order.

2) Conventional renal cell carcinoma is discussed clearly and sarcomatoid cancer also well-described in relation to the associated viruses, but collecting duct carcinoma (a rare variant with poor prognosis and challenging therapy) didnot clearly discussed however a relationship between the CDC and viruses, particularly, BK polyomavirus was reported in the literature, it would be better to add a brief of the CDC and the related virus, Useful article to be cited for CDC <https://doi.org/10.5489/cuaj.2932>

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eucr.2020.101367> Useful articles for the relation between BK virus and CDC

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ehpc.2016.10.003> <https://dx.doi.org/10.18632/oncotarget.24552>

Reply: We are grateful to the Reviewer for his/her suggestion about this further interesting issue to improve our work and we have added the discussion about collecting duct carcinoma, adding the citations of the suggested articles within the references.