Dear Editor,

On behalf of my co-authors, we thank you very much for giving us an opportunity to revise our manuscript, we appreciate editor and reviewers very much for their positive and constructive comments and suggestions on our manuscript entitled “LCAT is a tumor suppressor and a novel functional and predictive marker for HCC metastasis. (Manuscript NO.: 96004, Basic Study).

We have studied reviewer’s comments carefully and have made revision which marked in yellow in the paper. As for the questions raised by the reviewers, we have made a detailed explanation below.

**Question 1**: Introduction is a bit long.

**Answer 1**: We have refined the language of the manuscript, shortened the content of the introduction in accordance with the requirements of the *World Journal of Gastroenterology* reviewers.

**Question 2**: Patients and methods: The venue of the study and the patients’ population should be mentioned early in the section of patients and methods before mentioning the data mining. No exclusion criteria were mentioned - no approval for the study from the ethics committee or consent from the patients.

**Answer 2**: The cases mentioned in the materials and methods section of the text were downloaded from the published public data in GEO and TCGA databases and then analyzed and mined, so venue of the study and the patients’ population were not mentioned. Ethics approvals have been uploaded separately in the system.

**Question 3**: No title of conclusion was written.

**Answer 3**: The title of the conclusion has been written in the manuscript.

**Question 4**: References are not written as per recommendations of world journal of gastroenterology

**Answer 4**: The format of the references has been modified to conform to the format of *World Journal of Gastroenterology Oncology*. 