

29136-ANSWERING REVIEWERS

Reviewer #1 (Reviewer's code: 0053700)

The authors well reviewed hepatocellular carcinoma in NAFLD and NASH. This paper is unique, interesting and well-reviewed. However, because there is minor limitation, it is accepted after minor change in this journal.

Minor limitation

To explain the phenomenon in non-cirrhotic NAFLD patients, the malignant transformation of hepatic adenoma is overstated.

Our response: We would like to thank Reviewer #1 for acknowledging the quality and strength of this review manuscript. Reviewer #1 has drawn our attention to the fact that the phenomenon in non-cirrhotic NAFLD patients and the malignant transformation of hepatic adenoma is overstated.

We would like to state that we only put this analogy in context of a "proposed hypothesis" to explain the relationship of NAFLD and malignant transformation of hepatic adenoma. We have tried to justify our statement based on few published reports that suggest the presence of metabolic syndrome, hepatocellular adenoma may incur a malignant transformation.

There are grammatical errors; demographic in page 4, were in page 9.

Our response: Corrected.

Reviewer #2 (Reviewer's code: 02451447)

The authors reviewed the relationship between HCC and NASH, which is a timely review. NASH-related HCC is increased rapidly especially after the HCV effective treatment. The review is well organized and well written.

Our response: We would like to thank Reviewer #2 for their generous appreciation of the manuscript, and acknowledging the timely submission considering this is such an important topic at this time.

Minor suggestion: Grammar errors need to be corrected before acceptance for publication.

Our response: Corrected.

Reviewer #3 (Reviewer's code: 02860871)

This article entitled "Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis: Current Knowledge, and Implications for Management" is more likely to be a lecture handout than a

journal article. The manuscript is written a bit more prolix and intrusive. For instance, the sub title 'epidemiology' can be involved in the part of introduction. No need to be a separated title. Likewise other sub titles. There are also many repeated sentences with similar meaning in different paragraph. This article should be re write with more focus and include logical and reasonable thinking.

Our response: We have attempted to present the manuscript the possible way. We understand there will be differences in the opinion. In our opinion, the titles, and subtitles are appropriate to the topic.

Reviewer #4 (Reviewer's code: 00051373)

This is a comprehensive review for a hot topic NASH with evidence of associated hepatocellular carcinoma. The author is written well and should be beneficial for the readers. In my opinion, it should be acceptance for publication without alter.

Our response: Thank you for an unequivocal response for "acceptance without alteration".

Reviewer #5 (Reviewer's code: 02462252)

Good overview with pertinent literature review and discussion. Of interest to readership.

Our response: Thank you for quality and strength of this review, and acknowledging that this will review will be, "Of interest to readership".