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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13704-review revised.doc).

Name of Journal: World Journal of Hepatology

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Title: Hepatocellular carcinoma: from clinical practice to evidence-based treatment protocols. A review

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We thank you and all the reviewers for all the time invested in reviewing our manuscript dedicated to the management of HCC. We have corrected the article in accordance with the comments made by the reviewers and we do believe it has significantly improved the quality of the text.

HCC is an extremely complex disease considering both the liver cirrhosis and the present malignancy and also considering the existing numerous treatment options. We have given a comprehensive overview of different treatment modalities bearing in mind that review articles have been published about single treatment modalities. Although there is an abundance of literature on HCC available today, and some treatment modalities have the highest level of evidence, in some aspects the management of HCC differs between surgeons, hepatologists, oncologists, radiologist, etc. Frequently, the capacity of a center to provide different treatment modalities affects the results of treatment.

The merit of this review article is that it is written by liver surgeons working in a high-volume university center in a developing country without a large-scale national liver transplant program. HCC treatment is addressed from the perspective of developing countries so we believe it is of interest to the worldwide audience.

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

Reviewer 1

(1) the term resource-rich countries is replaced by the term developed/underdeveloped countries

(2) we have summarized and further explained the findings of the international consensus conference on LT

(3) we added the part about the indocyanine green test

(4) we added the part about the yttrium -90 radioembolization

(5) we discussed the future directions and have presented combinations of some treatment modalities

Reviewer 2

(1) we presented the findings and cited the paper presented in the International Journal of Cancer 2009, 9;125:1352-7

Reviewer 3

(1) we added the etio-pathogenesis together with risk factors and have presented the association between metabolic syndrome, obesity and HCC

(2) we detailed information about aflatoxin in regard to the origin, diffusion and pathogenesis

(3) the abbreviations (NAFLD, NASH, RFA, EASL) are written in full

(4) the sorafenib is presented in more detail and TACE is discussed in LT section as well

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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We thank you, Sir, for taking the time to review our revised manuscript dedicated to the management of HCC. As you have already noticed we have meticulously corrected the article in accordance with all the comments made by the reviewers.

Although the terminology related to developed/developing countries could be further debated we followed the advice of one of the reviewers; and we have corrected the Risk factors and etio-pathogenesis section accordingly.

In Core tip we added a sentence that the submitted review article reflects the perspective of liver surgeons working in a developing country.

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